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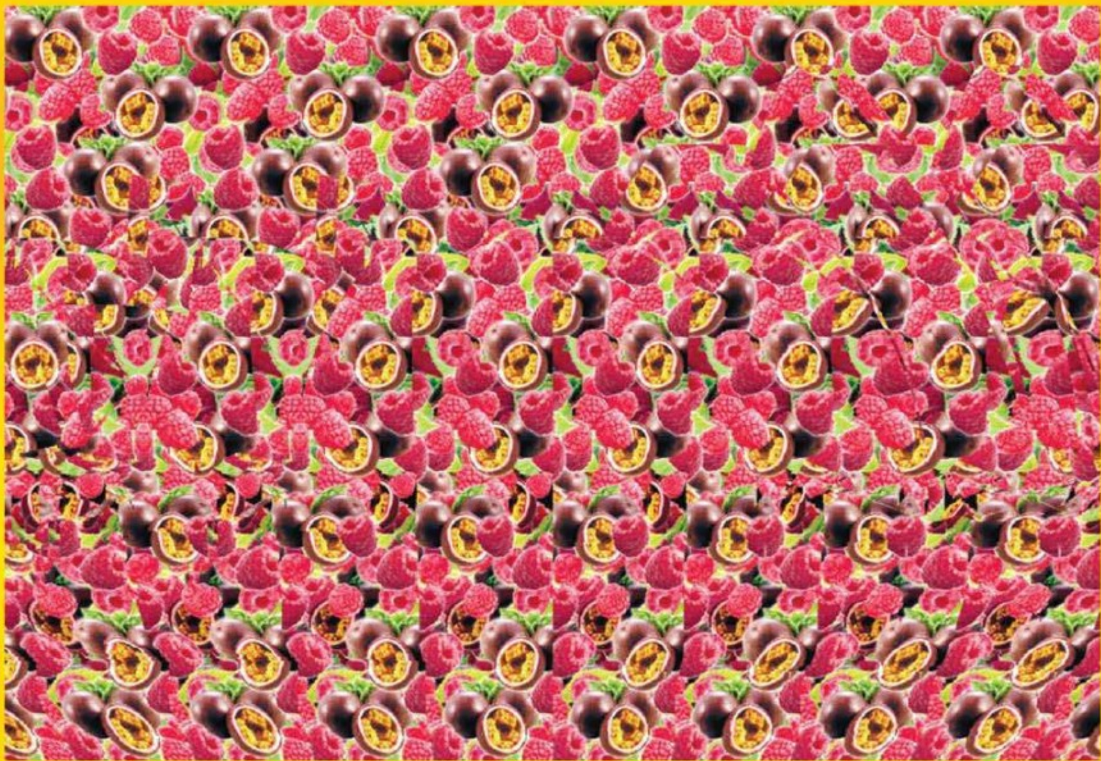
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To call being made editor in chief of *Style at Home* magazine a dream come true is an understatement. Over the years, I have continued to be a fan as *Style at Home* has become one of Canada's most beloved brands. I am beyond delighted to be able to work with the incredibly talented, creative and devoted team that puts it together. As I write this at the desk where Gail once produced beautiful issue after beautiful issue, I am committed to that same vision from more than a decade ago, which still holds true today: good design should be accessible to everyone. At *Style at Home*, we're here to inspire and empower readers to decorate their homes in a way that reflects their own personal style. I hope you'll join me as we embark on a new decade of Canada's best decorating magazine!

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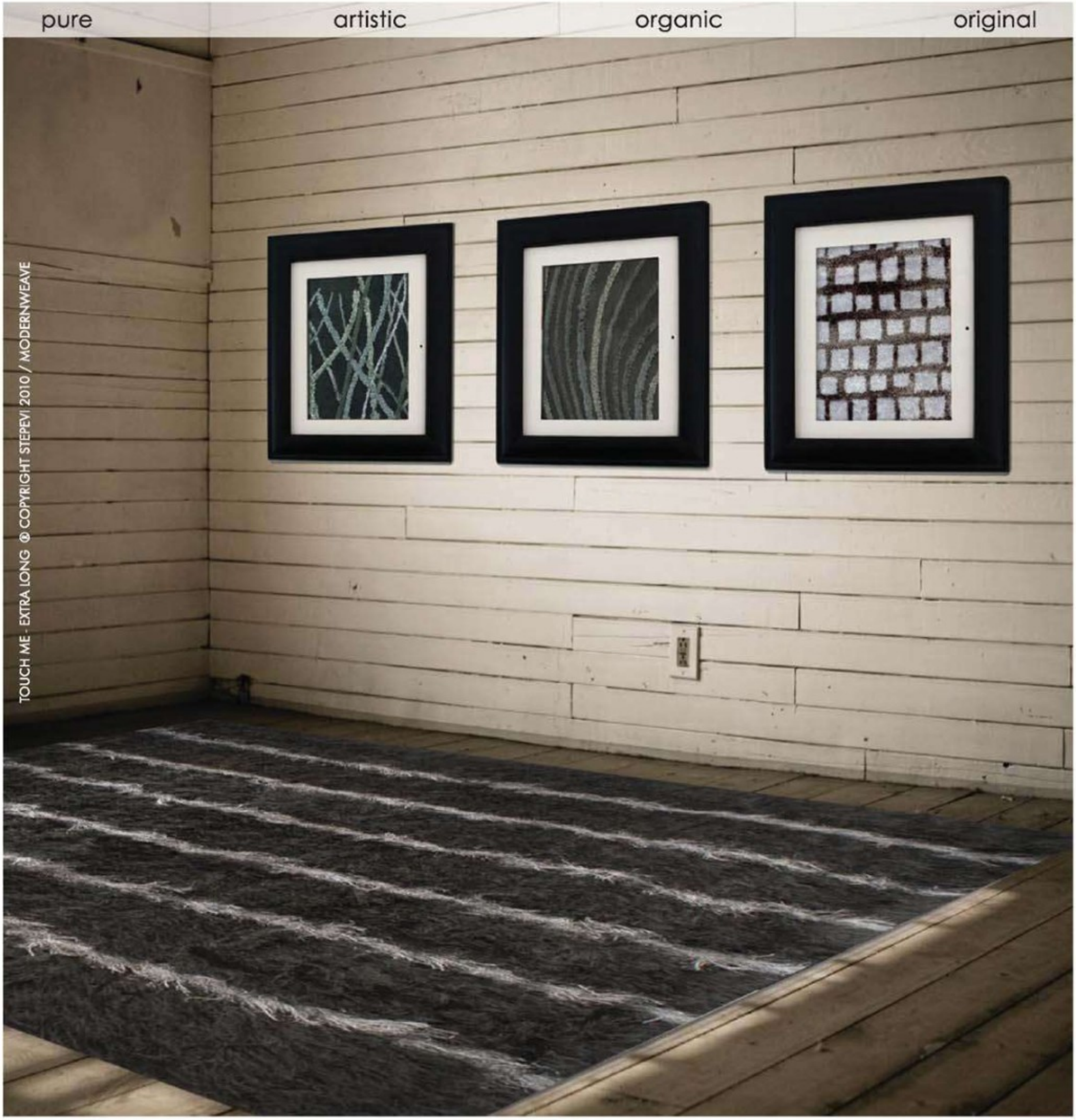
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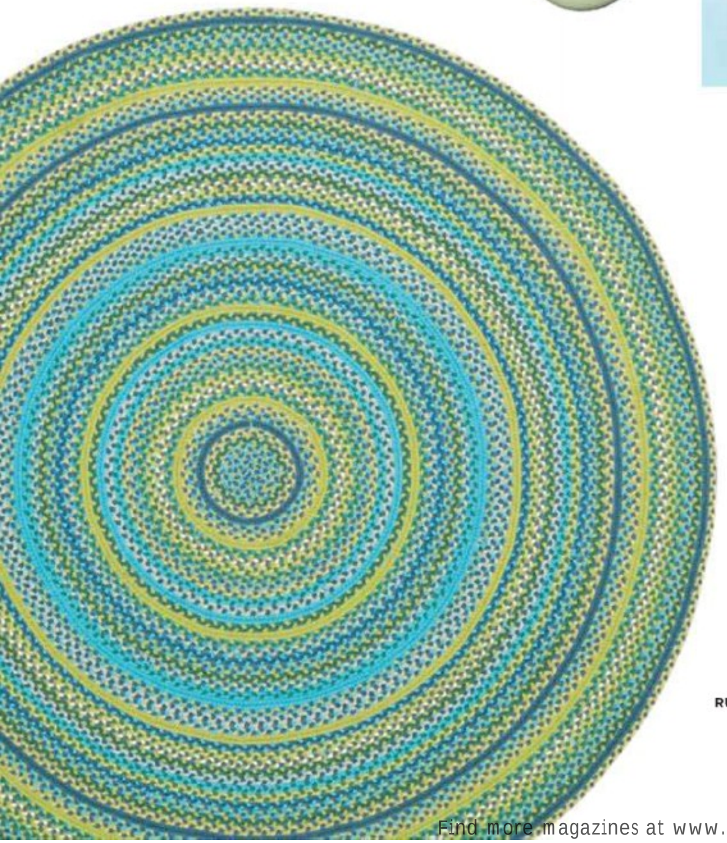
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MARCEL WANDERS,
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For top picks from Marcel's portfolio, **P 127**



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WINDOW FILM Azha $13 US per sq. ft. troveline.com.

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ORIGAMI BOOKS 4½" square $20 each doublehappiness.ca.

THREE OF THE BEST...

umbrella stands



TEXTURE Lechuza 22" Cubico Cottage plastic planter $54 alphaplantes.com.



OCTAGONAL 18" lacquered $295 US jonathanadler.com.



CUTOUT 17" ceramic $70 Samaco Trading 800-263-3093.

For more stylish stands, check out news editor Brett Walther's blog at **STYLEATHOME.COM/STYLESLEUTH**

fresh linens

Vanderhurd Studio's vibrant Indian block-print motifs make their Canadian debut. **FABRIC** (from left) Vanderhurd Studio 100% linen Daisy Chain 18, Kafir 3, Medallion 7, Flower Stencil 15 from $110 per yard ycocarpet.com.



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flower power



Serve dinner on a bed of roses, or perhaps a beautiful budding vine. The master weavers at Ekelund – suppliers of fine table linens to the royal court of Sweden for more than 130 years – have finally made their consummate collection available across Canada.

TABLE RUNNERS (from top) Rosebed and Leonora 35 cm x 140 cm cotton $60 each ekelundweavers.com.



anatomy of a classic



AALTO VASE 1936

DESIGNER Alvar Aalto (1898-1976), Finland

HOW DID IT BECOME A CLASSIC? Organic, free-form curves informed much of Alvar Aalto's work as an architect-designer, and made their way into a crayon-on-scratch-paper sketch he submitted to a vase design competition hosted by Finnish glassworks Iittala and Karhula in 1936. His vision of a fluid, undulating vase proved a winning approach, and the hand-blown glass collection was unveiled at the Paris World's Fair in 1937.

THE FIRST BIG BUYER? Helsinki's posh Savoy restaurant, where the vase was used as a centrepiece at each table. It became so integral to the restaurant's design that, until the '70s, it was known as the Savoy vase.

WHY BUY ONE NOW? Still in production at Iittala, the Aalto vase remains one of those rare vessels that look just as good without flowers. Prized at the Savoy for making floral arranging effortless – simply drop in fresh flowers and allow the asymmetric shape of the vessel to scatter stems at random – it's a sculptural gem in its own right, and an affordable slice of Scandinavian simplicity.

VASES From $68 each iittala.com.

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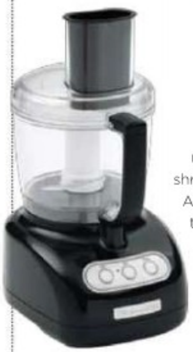
HAND-DICING GADGET
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Zyliss Rapid Chop $20 kitchenstuffplus.com.



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COMPACT MULTITASKER
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7-cup $150 kitchenaid.ca.



It's maple syrup season throughout March and April – time for a pancake breakfast! Cook up a perfect stack in this nonstick pan.

SILVER DOLLAR PANCAKE PAN $40 crateandbarrel.ca.

For a gingerbread pancake recipe, **STYLEATHOME.COM/PANCAKES**

candy emporium

Realizing a childhood dream while expressing her passion for art and design, Dylan Lauren – daughter of fashion magnate Ralph – opened her first candy store in New York City in 2001. Now her nostalgic assortments and novelty packages are available at Holt Renfrew stores in Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver (or at 866-939-5267).

CANDY Tackle Box $30 dylanscandybar.com.

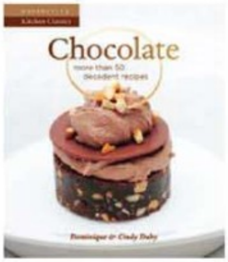


a toast to poetry

Celebrating art both in and on the bottle, Southbrook Vineyards of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., has printed the work of 11 Canadian poets on its limited-edition Poetica series wine labels. "There are parallels between winemaking and writing poetry," says Christopher Dewdney, who's featured along with icons like Gwendolyn MacEwen and bpNichol. "Both rely on inspiration." And since April is National Poetry Month (poets.ca), we'll drink to that!

WINE Poetica 2007 Cabernet Merlot $60 and 2007 Chardonnay $50 southbrook.com.







chocolate artistry

Ready to kick your dessert repertoire up a notch? Husband-and-wife chefs Cindy and Dominique Duby, owners of Vancouver-based chocolate atelier DC Duby Wild Sweets (dcduby.com), share their imaginative mousses, ganaches and creams in their new book. Includes advice on selecting and tempering chocolate, how-tos for decorative garnishes, and wine pairing tips.

CHOCOLATE: MORE THAN 50 DECADENT RECIPES (Whitecap, 2009) $20 chapters.indigo.ca.

Try the Dubys' flourless chocolate cake, **P 129**

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COOL BLOG of the month

OHJOY.BLOGS.COM Oh Joy! is a collection of visual inspiration from the worlds of fashion and design, with short and sweet posts by New York City home accessories and textile designer Joy Deangdeelert Cho. My favourite feature is "this & that," in which she pairs two images that share a design idea, colour palette or mood, like a pair of yellow perforated Henri Bendel driving gloves and a yellow perforated pendant light. Joy's youthful style is slightly boho and quirky but always pretty. I love getting her insider perspective.

MARGOT AUSTIN

candy-colour cases

This just in: Cool-hue cases aren't only for iPhones! Now you can up your BlackBerry's glam factor, too. These Vibes FX iSkins are totally drool-worthy – and practical, offering your beloved BlackBerry protection. We adore the subtle argyle pattern – fun, fashionable, fab! **CASE** $33 US iSkin.com.

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Help us choose the cover of our upcoming May issue!

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SPRING **CLEANING**

It's the time of year for hustling those dust bunnies out from under the bed. Don't forget to give the clean sweep to your tech toys as well, to keep them performing at their best.

Find out how at **STYLEATHOME.COM/SPRINGCLEAN**



superpower speaker

Play your favourite songs throughout your home, all with the tap of a finger. The Sonos S5 speaker pulls in the music from your iTunes playlist and lets you control it from a sleek touch remote or a free iPhone app. The setup is as simple as plugging in and turning on. Having a party? For only $10 a month, you can access Napster's 2.5-million song library and let your friends play DJ.

SPEAKER Sonos S5 $479 and **CONTROLLER** Sonos $400 (or download free iPhone app) sonos.com.



USB jewelry

Add sparkle to your workday wardrobe with this silver-and-crystal USB key pendant. It holds 4 GB of data, so you can tote around your files in style.

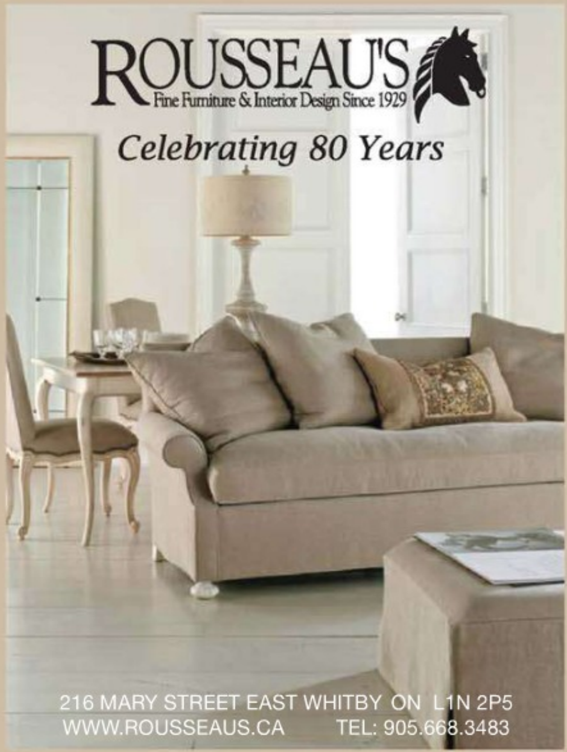
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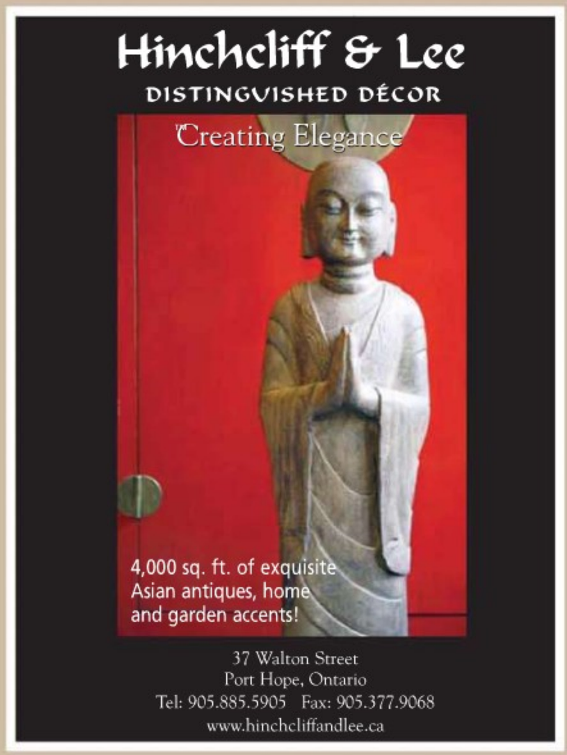

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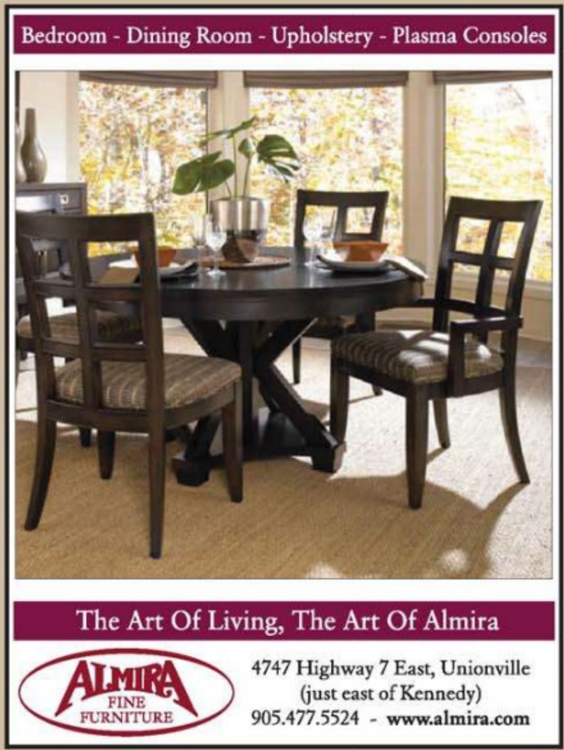






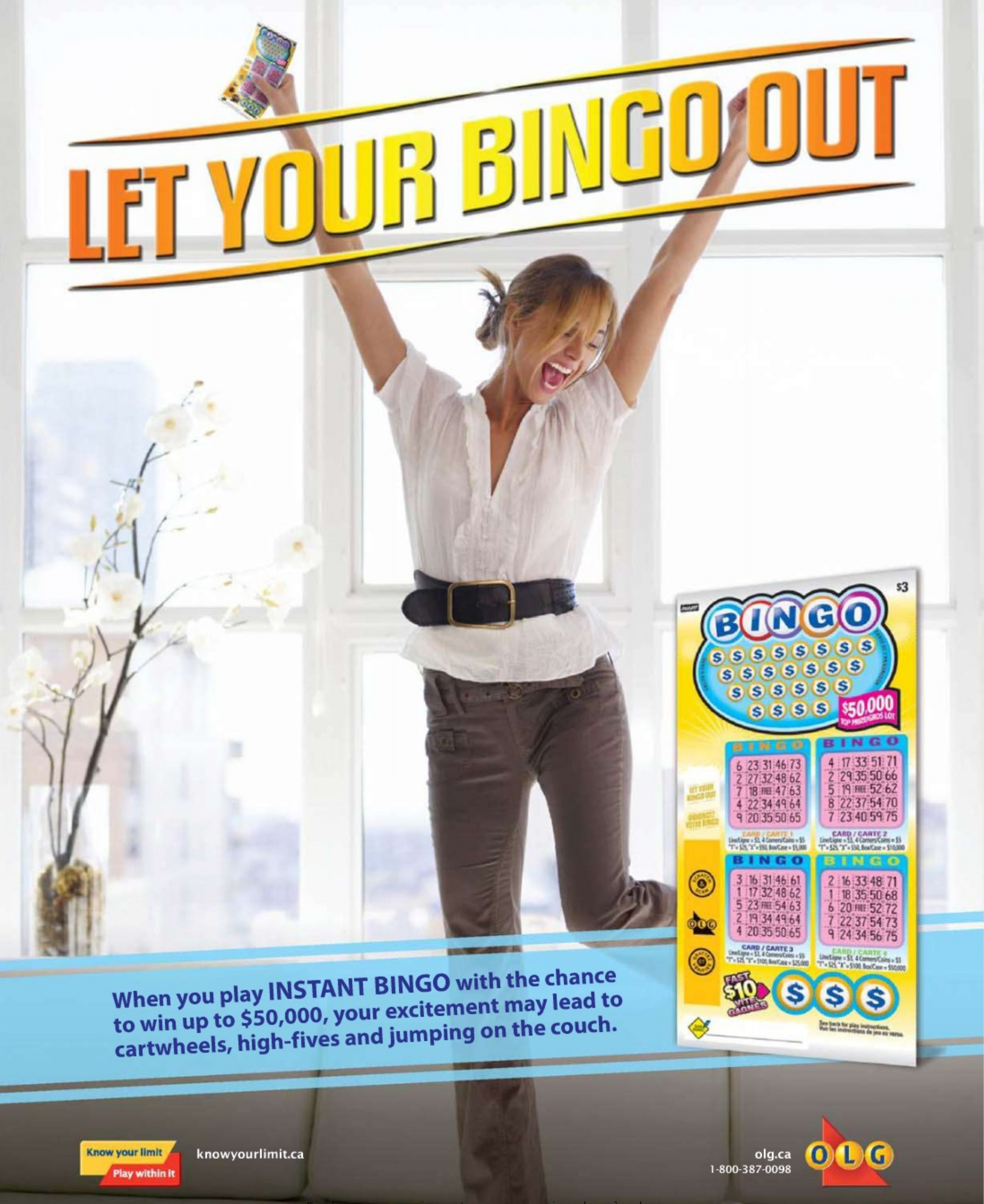



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decorating



organizing

Easy ideas to help you get your house in order

WORDS MARGOT AUSTIN

Rev up a neutral office with a dash of colour

OUT OF SIGHT Use closed cabinets to store office supplies, reference materials and other unsightly workspace essentials.

WALL PAINT Nordic Gray CC-576 benjaminmoore.ca. **DESK & CABINETRY** Antique White organizedinteriors.com. **CHAIR, OTTOMAN** Lara Neal Design 416-429-9449. **BLIND FABRIC** Mts. San Remo 23974 designerfabrics.ca. →

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SHORT ORDER Accessible baskets at kid height make it easier for children to pitch in and put things away.

SIMILAR BASKETS homesense.ca.

Keep things tidy for a quick escape

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Combine open and closed storage



Install drawers under a window seat

GOING UP Maximize every inch of available storage space by creating a work nook with built-ins around a window. Bonus: Framing a pretty view inspires creativity!

PAINT Whitewash White P2089-00 (built-ins), Golden Sunrise P5/62-41D (walls) para.com. **CARPENTRY** Dan Silva Custom Builder 416-694-0183. **SIMILAR CHAIR** ikea.ca.

DOWN UNDER Shaker-style drawer fronts are easy to open without the need for hardware, but when closed, the drawers practically disappear to look like a panelled detail.

CARPENTRY homedepot.ca. **FABRIC** Covedale in Jet (bench cushion), Mayfield in Vanilla (bench cushion piping), Mulhouse in Rain (blue grey cushion), through designers, robertallendesign.com; Mod Green Pod Wee Jubilee in Raspberry (red-and-white cushion) ycocarpet.com. **DRAPES** ikea.ca.



Pare down linens to just the essentials

KNOW HOW TO FOLD 'EM Choose a method of folding that matches the depth of your shelves. Label shelves and baskets so that every item has a designated space.

TOWELS, BED LINENS, BASKETS ikea.ca. →

For a how-to-fold-a-towel video, **STYLEATHOME.COM/TOWEL**

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Show off your personality with an artful display

COLOUR CODE Steal this simple stylist's trick and shelve books by cover colour – it's attractive and orderly. Baskets fill shelves while your collection grows.

PAINT Hunter Orange GH173 ralphlaurenhome.com. **BOOKCASE, BASKETS** ikea.ca. **CHAIR** trianon-online.com. **CUSHION** teatroverde.com. **RUG** modernweave.com. →



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Group small items on a tray



Adjust shelves to suit contents

HOLD EVERYTHING A tray is your best friend when it comes to making a jumble of small items seem neat and tidy. Have one for every room in your house.

ENTERTAINING IDEAS Line up extra glassware and serving pieces in neat rows. Add a piece of paper or felt in between each plate in a stack to prevent scratches.

CLOSET ALTERNATIVE No linen closet? No problem! A pretty cabinet with sliding glass doors is a perfect solution.

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Store linens right where you'll use them

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Access even the highest shelves with a ladder

MODERN LIBRARY Lean books this way and that on shelves to add a sense of movement and interest to a minimal interior. →

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Make clever use of a forgotten zone with custom drawers

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CHAIRS gilded $895 each elte.com. **RUNNER** Waste Not Paper paper in Blossom $8 per roll write-impressions.ca. **TABLECLOTH** Linen Way 67″ x 122″ linen $235 homefrontshop.ca. **CHARGERS** Vista Alegre porcelain in Gold $95 each, **PLATES** Raynaud Jardin Celeste Limoges porcelain $78 each (dinner), $70 each (dessert), and **FLATWARE** Flatiron stainless steel by Kate Spade for Lenox $378 per 20-piece set williamashley.com. **STEMWARE** Rosenthal Gropius Tac 2 crystal wineglasses $39 each williamashley.com; La Rochère Bee pink glass wineglasses $12 each homefrontshop.ca. **CAKE STAND** Simon Pearce glass $249 homefrontshop.ca. **LANTERNS** Martha Stewart paper $16 per set of six (two sizes) walmart.ca. **GIFT WRAP** Waste Not Paper paper in Pool $8 per roll write-impressions.ca. **RIBBON** satin nylon in Turquoise 25 $8 per metre and Pink 85 $4 per metre Mokuba 416-504-5358. **FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** white hydrangea, green dianthus, 'Big Fun' roses and hypericum berries $200 (includes container) teatroverde.com.

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LOW $1,003

CHAIRS Chiavari gold $10 each per day (rental) chairmanmills.com. **RUNNER** Haza tissue paper in pink $3 per roll write-impressions.ca. **TABLECLOTH** Circles 70″ x 126″ cotton $119, **CHARGERS** gold plastic $4 each homefrontshop.ca. **PLATES** Lenox Chirp bone china $47 each (dinner), $38 each (dessert), and **FLATWARE** Denby Stable Base stainless steel $160 per 20-piece set williamashley.com. **STEMWARE** Iittala Finland Essence glass wineglasses $23 each williamashley.com; Helianthus pink glass goblets $10 each anthropologie.com. **CAKE STAND** glass $27 homefrontshop.ca. **LANTERNS** paper $1 each (small), $1.50 (medium), $2 each (large), Chinatown, Toronto. **GIFT WRAP** blue tissue paper $1 per pack of 10 sheets deserres.ca. **RIBBON** Martha Stewart polyester in Turquoise $14 per pack of six rolls and Coral $11 per pack of six rolls walmart.ca. **FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** white lisianthus, pink tulips, green spider mums and pittosporum $130 (includes container) teatroverde.com. →



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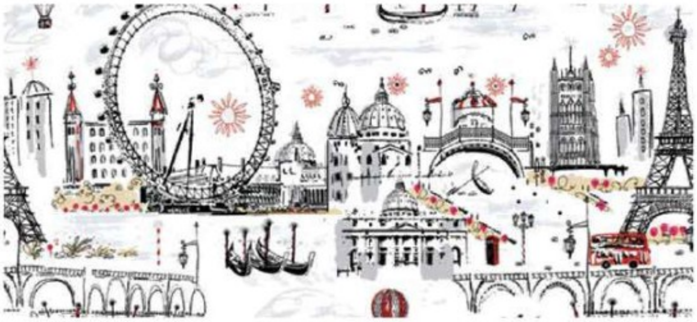
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romantic redux Sheila Bridges Harlem Toile de Jouy in Robin's Egg $150 US sheilabridges.com. **All prices are per roll.**



suburban scenes Trash Day in Stroller Pink by Jessica Smith at Studio Printworks $258, through designers, telio.com.



continental sketchbook York Wallcoverings Ashford House Très Chic Collection Euro Scenic BL0436 $72 crownwallpaper.com.



tropical twist Brunschwig & Fils Shell Toile in Watermelon $104, through designers, leejofa.com.



hot wheels Cars Go Beep 1 in Chocolate/Cream by Jessica Smith at Studio Printworks $320, through designers, telio.com.

aha! idea A far cry from the gentle, pastoral scenes of traditional toile, modern interpretations are designed to make a splash. In contemporary colourways, these punchy printed patterns make a scene stealer out of any wall. →



aha! idea With a well-chosen stencil, create custom art for your blank walls. An inexpensive alternative to wallpaper, stencilling allows for complete creative control – you choose the colour and scale of the application for your own personal stamp on a space.

STENCIL Circus 1682-704, **STENCIL PAINT** Beauti-Tone Moulin Rouge 1C3-7 homehardware.ca. **CHEST** Koppang, **KNOBS** Lindsdal ikea.ca. **LAMP BASE** Florence, **LAMPSHADE, JEWELRY BOX** potterybarnkids.ca. **HIPPO** jupiterindustries.com. →

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3 | **paint it** Dab excess paint from brush on paper towel, then use either quick up-and-down movements (stippling) or circular motion. Start from outside edges of cut-out and work toward centre.

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refined Polished chrome with glass shade $158 unionlf.com.



scandinavian Secto 4201 laminated-birch shade $900 lightform.ca, hollacecluny.ca.

aha! idea Instead of flanking the mirror with a pair of sconces, take a page from makeover maven Sarah Richardson and opt for a pretty pendant. In this strapped-for-space bathroom, Sarah's signature lighting trick frees up the wall for a grand mirror, which amplifies the pendant's brilliance. @

PHOTOGRAPHY STACEY BRANDFORD. INTERIOR DESIGN SARAH RICHARDSON DESIGN



pretty-in-pink kitchen

the space My mom Colleen's eat-in kitchen.

the challenge This 1980s kitchen needed a complete refresh without a major gut job.

the result A soft and sophisticated space in which to cook and dine.

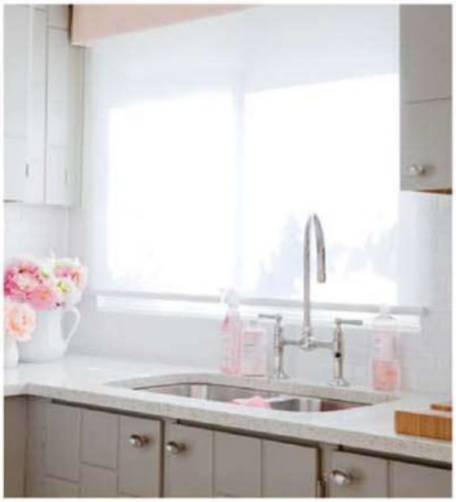
WORDS SAMANTHA PYNN, HOST OF HGTV'S *PURE DESIGN*



REFRESHED CABINETRY Embrace your current cabinetry and save about a third of your budget. We updated the old fretwork profile with a soft grey colour that experts at Pro Glo Paints mixed with 50% lacquer for a durable finish. Have a carpenter make sure cabinetry can bear the load of a new countertop or reinforce it.

CABINET SPRAYING Benjamen Furniture Refinishing 416-745-2559. **CABINETRY HARDWARE** leevalley.com. **COUNTERTOP** IceStone in Ivory Cloud ultrastone.ca. **APPLIANCES** geappliances.ca. **ESPRESSO MAKER, ESPRESSO CUPS, TOASTER** cafebreville.ca. **SPATULA, WHISKS, TEA TOWEL** williams-sonoma.ca. **NESTING BOWLS** joypottery.com. **PITCHERS** Emma potterybarn.ca.

PHOTOGRAPHY VIRGINIA MACDONALD, JOHN QUEENAN (BEFORE). **STYLING** MALCOLM PATTERSON, JULIA BLACK. **ILLUSTRATION** SCOTT ROGERS



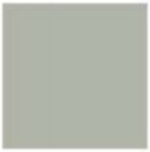
SENSATIONAL SINK A polished bridge faucet and a blush-colour valance on top of a simple roller shade make doing dishes almost a pleasure. Complete a kitchen redesign with a classic backsplash, like these 2" x 4" porcelain subway tiles.

SINK Untertone, **FAUCET** HiRise kohler.ca. **TILES** carpetone.ca. **VALANCE FABRIC** Islandia in Shell, through designers, robertallendesign.com. **SHADE** Elegant Linen Ivory Lace hunterdouglas.ca. **SEWING** Luxe 416-463-0215. **RUBBER GLOVES, DISH SOAP, COUNTERTOP SPRAY, LOTION** williams-sonoma.ca.



THE PALETTE

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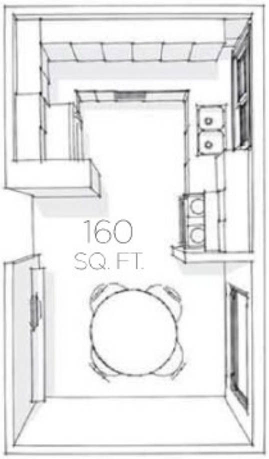
CABINETRY
Sandyhook Gray
HC-108
benjaminmoore.ca



BAMBOO FABRIC
Chair seat and front:
Expansion in
Sand Dollar,
through designers,
robertallendesign.com

FRIDGE FIT A new energy-efficient GE Profile HandiHite refrigerator, at less than 66" tall, can squeeze under cabinets from eras past. Or make a tall counter-depth refrigerator fit into an existing floor plan by removing upper cabinetry. Replacing a refrigerator more than a decade old means you'll use half as much electricity and save money.

REFRIGERATOR geappliances.ca. **GLASS CANISTERS** pc.ca. **RADIO** tivoliaudio.com. **COOKBOOKS** williams-sonoma.ca. →





SAM'S ECO PICKS

recycled-glass countertop
As durable as granite and less porous than marble, IceStone is made from recycled glass and cement and has Cradle to Cradle certification, meaning the manufacturing process and materials are sustainable.

eco wallpaper
Employing a traditional block-print technique, Farrow & Ball applies environmentally friendly zero- or low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) water-based paint to FSC-certified (Forest Stewardship Council) paper.

bamboo fabric
Bamboo is a rapidly renewing resource. Shop for bamboo fabric that has organic and sustainable certification.@

LIGHTEN UP Update a dining area with a beautiful wallpaper, like this pale pink scrolling vine pattern that adds softness and femininity. To maintain the bright and airy feel – and to avoid having the wooden dining set look too heavy and matched – we repainted the chairs white and reupholstered the seats and fronts in a bamboo fretwork fabric, which references the cabinetry and ties the dining area back to the cooking area.

WALLPAPER INSTALLATION Nagy Decorating & Design 416-835-2042. **TABLE, CHAIRS** The Elegant Garage Sale 416-322-9744. **PAINT** Gray Mist CC-80 (walls), White Down CC-50 (chairs) benjaminmoore.ca. **CHAIR-BACK FABRIC** Islandia in Shell, through designers, robertallendesign.com. **REFURBISHING** JVM Interiors 905-475-7008. **RUG** Godfrey Hirst 335 in Soudan carpetone.ca. **CHANDELIER** (painted white) homedepot.ca. **DECORATIVE BOX** teatroverde.com. **COOKWARE** Le Creuset williams-sonoma.ca.

SAMANTHA PYNN, HOST OF HGTV'S *PURE DESIGN* + *STYLE AT HOME* CONTRIBUTING DESIGN EDITOR

ABOUT PURE DESIGN We take a green approach to decorating. My team and I transform everyday rooms into sustainable living spaces with tons of personality. **MY METHOD** Rethink what you have, buy vintage, and research green products to make the best choices for you and your family. **CHECK OUT OUR MAKEOVERS** on HGTV Tuesdays at 9 p.m. ET/10 p.m. PT. For more of my style tips and complete sources, visit hgtv.ca/puredesign.



PORTRAIT JOHN QUEENAN







green works



table chic

the find A 42" oak pedestal from a vintage furniture store. The price? Just $45!

the transformation With a few flicks of a paintbrush, this family breakfast table gets a cheeky update that's right on trend.

PRODUCER KEVIN AUSTIN



The daring but dead-easy splatter technique is a fun way to perk up furniture or even a wall.

TABLE frontiersales.ca. **CHAIRS** Elias, **GLASS** Pokal, **SPOON** Data, **CEREAL BOWL** Dinera ikea.ca. **WHITE BOWL** Martha Sturdy hollacecluny.ca. →

PHOTOGRAPHY EDWARD POND


A music mix you won't find anywhere else.
6am Morning - A refreshing blend from pop to soul to roots
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1pm Shift - A journey from Bach to Bachman
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SPLATTER HOW-TO



- Sand table all over using medium-grit sandpaper. Wipe away sanding dust with damp cloth or tack cloth.
- Paint table with one coat latex primer and two coats white semigloss – I used Valspar Snowcap White CI202. Let dry.
- Protect surrounding area and table base with drop cloths.
- Use leftover paint or acrylic craft paint and a separate paintbrush for each splatter colour. Vary sizes of brushes.
- Before painting table, practise splatter technique on poster board.
- Dip brush in paint can and flick or drip excess paint onto tabletop. Repeat with all colours. Allow to dry.
- To protect finished project, apply two coats clear coating, like Minwax Polycrylic Protective Finish in satin.

PAINT Valspar Creative Ideas for Colour lowes.ca. **DROP CLOTH, SEALANT** homedepot.ca. **PAINTBRUSHES, POSTER BOARD** Dollarama, across Canada.

WHAT I PAID

Table (Frontier Sales)	**$45**
Primer & paint (leftovers)	**$0**
Sealant (The Home Depot)	**$19**
Paintbrushes (Dollarama)	**$6**
Poster board (Dollarama)	**$1**
Canvas drop cloths (one old, one new)	**$15**
TOTAL	**$86**



SPLATTER ART Practise on poster board – you can frame it later.



MAN AT WORK Kevin Austin demonstrates his technique. →

For a how-to-splatter video, **STYLEATHOME.COM/TABLEPROJECT**

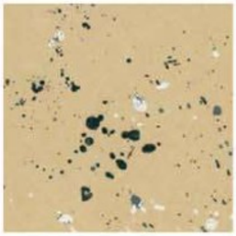
PAINT BEHR PENSIVE SKY 710E-2 HOMEDEPOT.CA; MOVIE STAR 6148-31 SICO.CA; VALSPAR PANACEA 6002-3A LOWES.CA; BONE BLACK TH16, BRILLIANT WHITE ML01 AND PRUSSIAN BLUE VM122 RALPHLAURENHOME.COM



SPLAT! Splatter (a.k.a. spatter) would also be a cool treatment for a large coffee table, a single lampshade or even a whole accent wall. Just choose your level of commitment and flick away to create a surefire attention getter and conversation starter!

tracing the trend

It may look like kids' stuff, but the paint technique known as splatter actually has a long history in the decorative arts. It has also been embraced by top interior designers like Albert Hadley and Tom Scheerer. Here are some examples of how it's making a comeback.



WALLPAPER Ralph Lauren Home Painters Studio $800 per roll, through designers, kravetcanada.com.



WALLPAPER Cole & Sons River $218 per roll, through designers, leejofa.com.



GLASS DISH by Renato Foti $40 gardinermuseum.on.ca.



FASHION from Michael Kors Spring/Summer 2010 collection.



RUG 6' x 9' Johnny I Am Going to Jackson No. 27 by Jürgen Dahlmanns $9,350 modernweave.com.



WALLPAPER T3 Splatter in Pink/Brown and Turquoise/Orange from $216 US per roll casartcoverings.com.

PHOTOGRAPHY NINA TEIXEIRA (GLASS DISH)


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room to improve

Contributing decorating editor Kimberley Seldon solves a *Style at Home* reader's small-space dilemma





the problem Although Minja Pjescic loves her 1,140 sq. ft. Toronto condo, she wishes it were a tiny bit bigger. With a new baby on board, Minja swapped computer for crib, transforming the once-comfortable home office into a nursery. Squeezing her husband's displaced desk into the corner of the master bedroom seemed like the only solution, but that makes him feel as though he's in a "time out" when working from home. Minja wants their double-duty bedroom to accommodate a professional workspace without sacrificing "we" space.

the fix "At the moment, it feels as if the desk is playing hide-and-seek in the corner," says Kimberley. Her three-step solution delivers a good-looking corner workspace, opportunities for display and breathing room for both Mom and Dad.

1 | TAKE BACK THE NICHE

"The 3' wide corner niche may look like an awkward gap in the wall, but I see it as an opportunity," says Kimberley. Incorporating a recessed built-in provides a tidier workspace with a smaller footprint. Extending the desktop along the adjacent wall toward the bed creates a nightstand with additional storage.

2 | CREATE BALANCE

Installing shelves up to the ceiling gives the work corner big presence. But let's not lose sight of the sleeping area. A grid of applied moulding creates a panelled effect on the wall, defining the sleeping zone and offering a better balance in the room as a whole.

3 | ILLUMINATE THE AREA

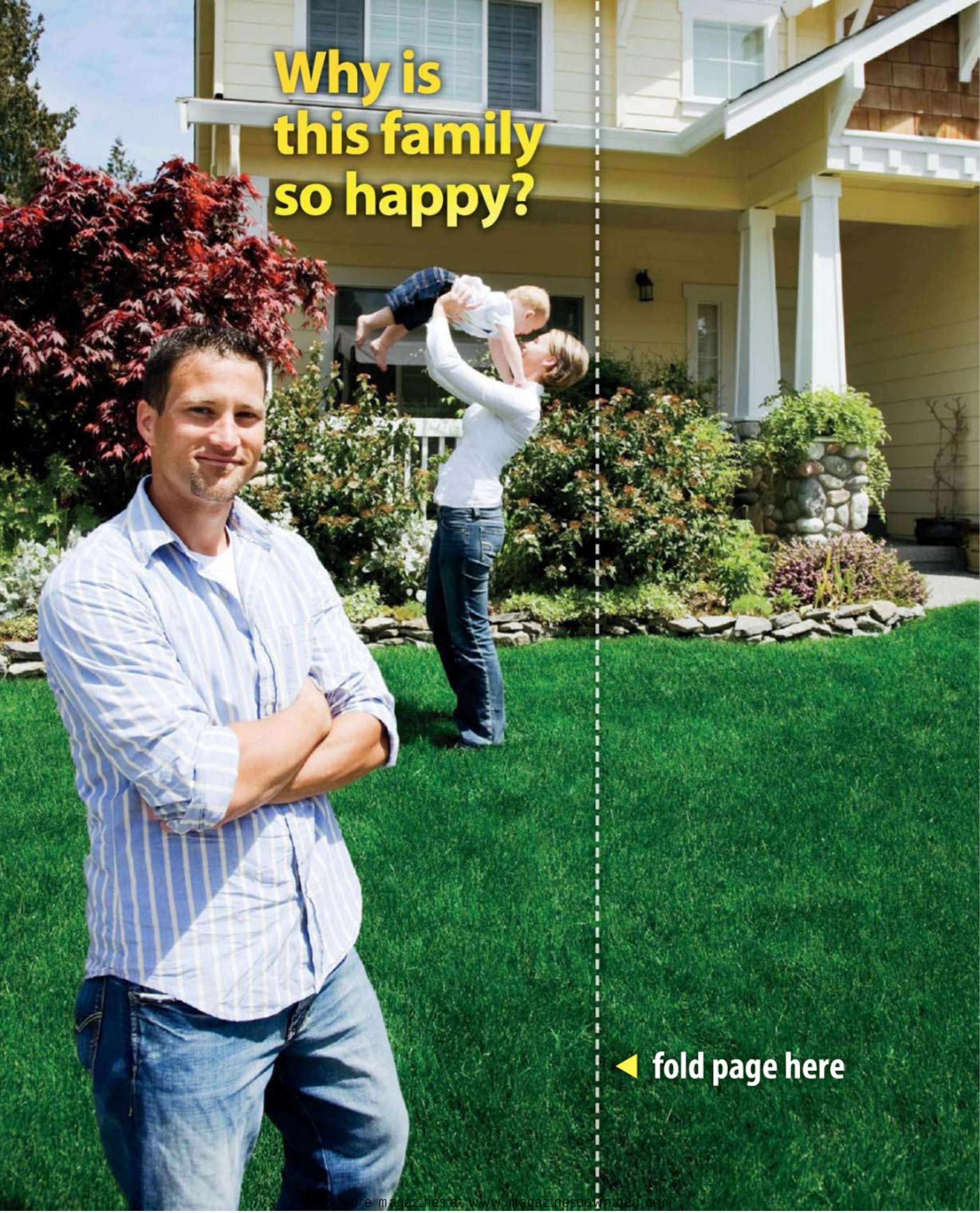
"Double-duty rooms require multiple light sources," Kimberley says. Begin by adding a library light above the new workspace, then incorporate under-shelf task lighting and bedside reading lamps. "If you must have pot lights, put them on dimmers," she says.



KIMBERLEY SELDON, *STYLE AT HOME* CONTRIBUTING DECORATING EDITOR

FOR MORE TIPS Watch Kimberley on *CityLine* cityline.ca. **DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT?** Send Kimberley your design dilemmas at askus@styleathome.com, or Ask Us, Style at Home, 25 Sheppard Ave. W., Toronto, Ont., M2N 6S7. Send brief letters with contact info and the highest-resolution photos possible. (Kimberley can't respond personally or return items.)

ILLUSTRATION BRET TINSON, KIMBERLEY SELDON DESIGN GROUP. **PORTRAIT** GREG DEAN


Why is this family so happy?
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PRODUCER LIZA FINLAY



barbara hulanicki

HOME BASE Miami

CLAIM TO FAME Barbara Hulanicki's pop stylings made her the queen of the mod scene, with her Biba clothing line defining the look of the '60s and '70s. In the late '80s, she turned her attention to interiors, and her designs have added bold brilliance to a number of hotels, like the Coral Sands Hotel in the Bahamas. Now a line of signature wallpapers produced for Graham & Brown puts the Polish-born icon back in the limelight.

WALLPAPER (clockwise from left) Barbara Hulanicki Viva $70 per roll, Ophelia and Shoes $225 each per roll grahambrown.com.



PORTRAIT DANIA GRAIBE



RECIPE FOR AN INSTANT CLASSIC

"Black mixed with antiqued metallics or monochromatic colours never goes out of style."

BAG Brenda Zip Chain $725 US alexanderwang.com.

"Designers are constantly influenced by the past, even without realizing it"

BARBARA HULANICKI, DESIGNER →

Create the most divine Philly Neapolitan Cheesecake.

Prep: 30 min. Total: 6 hours 20 min. Makes: 16 servings

1-1/4 cups	*Honey Maid* Graham Crumbs
1/4 cup	butter, melted
4 pkg.	*Philadelphia* Brick Cream Cheese, softened (250 g each)
1 cup	sugar
4	eggs
2 squares	*Baker's* Semi-Sweet Chocolate, melted
1 Tbsp.	vanilla
1 cup	frozen strawberries, thawed, drained and mashed
2 squares	*Baker's* White Chocolate

HEAT oven to 350°F. MIX graham crumbs and butter; press onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan. BEAT *philly* and sugar in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Divide batter into thirds (about 2 cups each); pour each of 2 portions into separate small bowls. Stir semi-sweet chocolate into 1 portion, vanilla into second portion and berries into remaining portion. POUR chocolate batter over crust; freeze 5 min. Cover with vanilla batter; freeze 5 min. Top with strawberry batter. BAKE 50 to 55 min. or until centre is almost set. Run knife around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool completely before removing rim. Refrigerate 4 hours. Use vegetable peeler to make curls from white chocolate. Use to garnish cheesecake just before serving.



cookingwithphilly.ca

HOT HUES

RETRO APPEAL "I love Technicolor from 1950s films like *Funny Face*. The colours are midtone, soft and dusty in feeling. Really beautiful." **PAINT** (from left) Morning Glory SW6971 sherwin-williams.com; Desert Sunset 6086-64 sico.ca; Nassau 155-6 pittsburghpaints.com.





FAVE PIECE OF FURNITURE

"The Lucite table I designed for The Kent Hotel in Miami. It's perfect for sunny Florida, plus it allows a room to look spacious and is easy to care for."



PHOTOGRAPHY TROY CAMPBELL (THE KENT HOTEL), COOKIE KINKEAD (CORAL SANDS HOTEL)

TRENDSPOTTING

endurance test "I love to see the latest techno fabrics, especially working in hospitality – it's so difficult to find a fabric that's childproof and weatherproof. I've always had a tendency to use fashion fabrics for upholstery and vice versa, so they work interchangeably. It's a thrill not to have to reupholster a hotel every few months or hear that a dress has fallen apart in the wash." The Beach House, Coral Sands Hotel, Bahamas →


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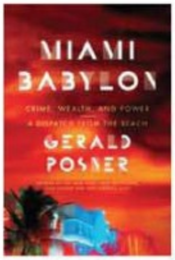

MOST WANTED ITEM

"A giant juicer!"

JUICER Breville dual-disk $400 williams-sonoma.ca.



RECOMMENDED READING



decadence delivered

"I'm reading Gerald Posner's just-released *Miami Babylon: Crime, Wealth, and Power – A Dispatch from the Beach* ($35, Simon & Schuster, 2009). It's a hair-raising account of the history of Miami Beach, a bit of a *Fall of the Roman Empire* on steroids. It's fun to be a voyeur on the Beach's unquenchable desire for wealth, flash and hype." The Marlin Hotel, Miami

MY PROFESSIONAL MANTRA

"Eclectic, colourful and imaginative."



The Beach House, Coral Sands Hotel, Bahamas

PHOTOGRAPHY COOKIE KINKEAD (CORAL SANDS HOTEL)

For more Inside Design, **STYLEATHOME.COM/INSIDEDESIGN**

simply luxurious

How to create the new beautifully decorated bed – pure heaven!

PRODUCER CHRISTINE HANLON



WALL PAINT Mediterranean SS44 ralphlaurenhome.com. **HEADBOARD** Vanessa sarahrichardsondesign.com. **DUVET COVER & EUROSHAMS** Kiska, Lucca 416-485-4999. **BEDSKIRT** Bella Notte linen, **COVERLET** quilted satin/velvet aulitfinelinens.com. **WHITE SHEET SET, BLANKET** organic cotton westelm.com. **RUG** ycocarpet.com. **POUFFE** John Robshaw embroidered constantineinteriors.com. **TABLE** Gustavian, **SILVER BOX** wood-lined angusandcompany.com. **SIMILAR CHANDELIER** Residential Lighting Studio 416-537-3138.

TIPS

upholster it
A shapely upholstered headboard anchors a trove of textiles.

enlarge it
At 26" square, Euro pillows are great for reading or lounging. Try a print that coordinates with your duvet.

mix it
Saucy accent pillows deliver a punch of pattern and scale.

tuck it
A folded-down duvet reveals a tucked blanket and top sheet.

fluff it
The charm of a duvet is that you rarely need to "make the bed" – just fluff and go!

layer it
Extra texture is added with a quilted coverlet at the end of the bed.

finish it
A floor-length skirt completes the look.

drop it
A graphic embroidered pouffe is hard to resist.

1 | **eye candy** Energize your bed with a bold collection of fresh and fun linens.





2 | **clean slate** White sheets with coordinating trim hold their own against a more colourful pillow and coverlet.

COVERLET John Robshaw constantineinteriors.com. **SHEETS** John Robshaw embroidered Lucca 416-485-4999. **CUSHION** Raoul Textiles ycocarpet.com.

3 | **pattern play** Rhythmic prints tossed together make for a graphic, layered look that's not too serious.

CUSHION Madeline Weinrib Ikat Pink Daphne ycocarpet.com. **CHENILLE SHAMS** Ric Rac, **GIRAFFE-PRINT CUSHION** Kiska, Lucca 416-485-4999.

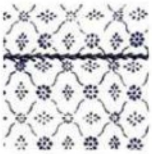
BEDECKED BEDDING

Thanks to designers like John Robshaw, block-printed textiles are seeing a revival, giving artisan looks a truly modern vibe and renewing our appreciation for fine finishing details, such as hand-embroidery on bed linens.



SWIRLY GIRL

Embroidered Hem white/ pink queen sheet set $225 pineconehill.com



HAND-MADE

Sag Harbor Indigo fitted and flat sheets $225 US each, standard pillowcases $100 US per pair johnrobshaw.com



TAILORED TOUCH

Lyall Slate queen sheet set $250 pineconehill.com



BOHEMIAN BABY

Taj blue twin bedding set $268 US rikshawdesign.com



INDIE STRIPES

Maya queen sheet set $348 US johnrobshaw.com



FAB FOLK

Marimekko Sarafan Cobalt queen sheet set $170 crateandbarrel.ca



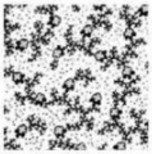
HAPPY FLAKES

Okla queen sheet set $348 US johnrobshaw.com



JUICY PEARS

Bartlett queen sheet set $288 anthropologie.com



COOL CALICO

Gray Calico queen sheet set $235 US ploverorganic.com @

Bring the hotel look home, **P 127**

PHOTOGRAPHY MARK BURSTYN


so then i wake up and i'm a cracker...
?!
Kraft Dinner
Crackers
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PARCELS OF *perfection*

Wonton wrappers aren't just for dim sum or soup. Food editor **Donna Hay** shows how easily they can extend your repertoire in exciting new directions

PHOTOGRAPHY CON POULOS | **STYLING** JUSTINE POOLE

RECIPES CLARA LUBOFF + JANE COLLINGS. **PROPS STYLING** JOHN MANGILA



chicken pot stickers with wasabi dipping sauce

14 oz (400 g) ground chicken
1 small red chili, chopped
2 tbsp (30 mL) chopped chives
2 tbsp (30 mL) chopped coriander leaves
1 tbsp (15 mL) finely grated lemon rind
2 egg whites
sea salt
24 wonton wrappers
½ cup (125 mL) water

wasabi dipping sauce
½ cup (125 mL) whole-egg mayonnaise
2 tsp (10 mL) wasabi paste
1 tsp (5 mL) lemon juice

To make the wasabi dipping sauce, mix the mayonnaise, wasabi and lemon juice in a small bowl. Set aside.

Place the chicken, chili, chives, coriander, lemon rind, egg whites and salt in a bowl and mix to combine. Place 2 tsp (10 mL) of the mixture on a wonton wrapper. Brush the edges with water, bring the corners together and press to seal. Repeat with the remaining mixture and wrappers.

Heat a large nonstick frying pan over medium heat. Add the pot stickers and water, cover and cook for 5 minutes or until cooked through and brown on the bottom. Serve with the wasabi dipping sauce. **SERVES 4** →

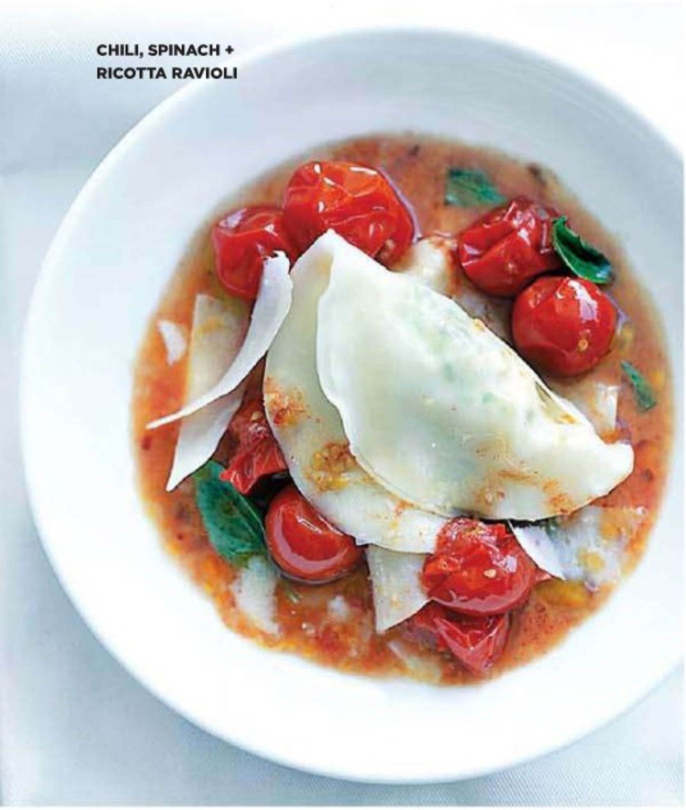
Transform everyday ingredients into a showstopper dish

WORKING WITH WONTONS

- Look for packaged wrappers in supermarkets and Asian specialty stores. Freeze them for up to six months.
- To prevent wrappers from drying out and cracking, cover them with a damp tea towel as you prepare other parts of the recipe.
- Bake a tray of wrappers as the ideal accompaniment to a selection of soft cheeses – a saviour if you find yourself entertaining on a whim.



ZUCCHINI + OLIVE PESTO PASTA
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CHILI, SPINACH + RICOTTA RAVIOLI

zucchini + olive pesto pasta

2 zucchinis, sliced lengthwise
2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
sea salt and cracked black pepper
12 wonton wrappers
6 oz (180 g) baby bocconcini, halved
2 cups (500 mL) baby spinach leaves
1 cup (250 mL) shaved Parmesan

olive pesto
¼ cup (60 mL) pitted black olives, roughly chopped
2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
1 tsp (5 mL) lemon zest
2 tsp (10 mL) lemon juice
1 long red chili, seeds removed and sliced

To make the olive pesto, place the olives, oil, lemon zest, juice and chili in a bowl and stir to combine. Set aside.

Place the zucchini, oil, salt and pepper in a bowl and toss to coat. Heat a nonstick frying pan over medium heat. Cook the zucchini in batches for 3-4 minutes or until golden. Cook the wrappers in a saucepan of boiling water for 1 minute or until tender. Drain. Divide layers of the wrappers, zucchini, bocconcini, spinach and pesto among 4 plates. Top with the Parmesan to serve. **SERVES 4**

chili, spinach + ricotta ravioli

¾ cup (175 mL) ricotta
1 egg yolk
¼ cup (60 mL) finely grated Parmesan
4 oz (125 g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
sea salt and cracked black pepper
32 gowgee or gyoza (round) wrappers
shaved Parmesan, to serve

spicy tomato sauce
¼ cup (60 mL) butter
½ tsp (2 mL) chili flakes
2 cloves garlic, crushed
4 cups (1 L) cherry tomatoes (about 1 lb/500 g)
¼ cup (60 mL) chicken stock

To make the spicy tomato sauce, heat a large nonstick frying pan over medium heat. Add the butter, chili and garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add the tomatoes and chicken stock and cook for 5-8 minutes or until the tomatoes are tender. Set aside and keep warm.

Place the ricotta, egg yolk, grated Parmesan, spinach, salt and pepper in a large bowl and mix to combine. Place 2 tsp (10 mL) of the mixture in the centre of a gowgee wrapper. Brush the edges with water, top with another wrapper and press the edges to seal. Repeat with the remaining mixture and wrappers.

Cook the ravioli in a large saucepan of salted boiling water for 3-5 minutes or until cooked through. Serve with the spicy tomato sauce and shaved Parmesan. **SERVES 4**@



DONNA HAY, FOOD EDITOR

MY PHILOSOPHY
Start simple. There's no need to get too complicated. Basically, you've just got to get in there and do it. It's not about how many ingredients you use – it's about their quality and freshness.

PORTRAIT GARY HEERY



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Spaghetti bowl
Ice Cream bowl
Grape Juice glass
Chocolate Milk glass
Cocoa cup
Tea cup
Coffee cup
3 chocolate milk glasses
3 Juice glasses
4 Coffee plates
2 cocoa plates
1 tea plate
2 ice cream bowls
2 spaghetti bowls
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fast five

Donna Hay's fresh quickies for every night of the week



1 | **GARLIC CHICKEN**

PHOTOGRAPHY WILLIAM MEPPEM | **STYLING** JUSTINE POOLE + STEVE PEARCE

1 | garlic chicken

Cook 10 oz (200 g) chicken breast or thighs in olive oil in a hot frying pan until cooked through. Add 3 cloves of crushed garlic and a pinch of sea salt. Toss with a handful of chopped flat-leaf parsley and a squeeze of lemon. Serve with a green salad or steamed greens.

2 | thai beef salad

Brush top sirloin grilling steak with olive oil, sprinkle with sea salt and cracked black pepper and cook in a hot frying pan to your liking. Thinly slice beef and combine with chopped coriander and mint, chopped roasted peanuts, chopped red chili pepper, sliced cucumber, tomatoes and red onion, and a dash of fish sauce. Squeeze fresh lime over top to serve.

3 | lime tuna

Brush tuna steaks with oil. Sprinkle with cracked black pepper and lime juice. Fry in a hot skillet until just cooked. Serve with cooked soba noodles tossed with soy sauce and sliced green onions and chili.

4 | lamb burger

Combine 14 oz (400 g) ground lamb with dried oregano and rosemary to taste. Shape into burgers and cook in a hot frying pan until cooked through. Place on toasted buns with sliced feta, tomato, greens and store-bought tzatziki.

5 | tofu curry

Cook 1 sliced onion with 1 tbsp (15 mL) red curry paste in a little vegetable oil. Add 1 cup (250 mL) coconut milk and 2 cups (500 mL) cooked jasmine rice and stir until well combined. Add 10 oz (200 g) chopped firm tofu and a handful of green beans and cook until warmed through. Top with chopped red chili pepper, bean sprouts, mint and green onions to serve. →

ALL RECIPES SERVE 2



THAI BEEF SALAD | 2



3 | **LIME TUNA**



LAMB BURGER | 4



5 | **TOFU CURRY**

fast picks

Our in-house wine expert, Konrad Ejbich, selects an ideal match for your dinner tonight





garlic chicken

PAIRING The more garlic you add to this dish, the weightier the matching wine can be. Look for a dry white with zesty citrus notes, soft, mouth-filling texture and harmonious finish. **KONRAD'S PICK** Beringer Stone Cellars Chardonnay 2008, California, $14.





thai beef salad

PAIRING Beef is happiest with red – and an assertive red when the dish is strongly flavoured. Cabernet is the common choice, but more heat and fresh veggies call for a spicier, fruit-forward variety like Syrah, a.k.a. Shiraz if made in the Aussie style. **KONRAD'S PICK** Kangaroo Springs Shiraz 2008, Australia, $10.





lime tuna

PAIRING This is a classic red-wine-with-fish dish. Cabernet Sauvignon's tannins nicely play off the rich red flesh of seared tuna, enhancing delicacy and diminishing any sense of fattiness. (But cook past medium-rare and the tannins may grate.) **KONRAD'S PICK** Argento Cabernet Sauvignon 2008, Argentina, $10.





lamb burger

PAIRING The lively flavours of this Mediterranean-style, all-dressed burger sing an octave higher when paired with a quaffable, juicy-fruity red with spicy-tart flavours. **KONRAD'S PICK** Cantina Tollo Colle Secco Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2005, Italy, $9.





tofu curry

PAIRING To tame the fire of chili peppers, a wine needs sweetness, even if it's only implicit. To complement the added flavours of curry, choose an aromatic and spicy white, such as Gewürztraminer or late-harvest Pinot Gris. **KONRAD'S PICK** Pierre Sparr Gewürztraminer 2008, France, $17. @

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SMALL SPACE **511 SQ. FT.**

THE BACHELOR PAD



OPEN-CONCEPT LAYOUT Designer Yanic Simard chose the button-tufted sofa and leather-and-chrome armchair for their modernity and proportions. "They have low profiles, so they give the illusion of a higher ceiling," he says. The Moroccan-tile feel of the silver-and-porcelain stools and the colourful cushions inject a global mood.

DESIGN Yanic Simard tidg.ca. **PORCELAIN STOOLS** similar page 131. **CUSHION FABRIC** Charleston, through designers, telio.com. **SOFA** gusmodern.com. **TABLE** thebay.com. **TABLE LAMP** belleepoque.ca. **PENDANT** Morba 416-364-5144. **CABINETRY PAINT** Willow CC-542 benjaminmoore.ca. **BAR STOOLS** umbra.com. **FAUCET** Blanco Pylos romanbathcentre.com.

For alternative stools, **P 131**

A cool vibe and sleek layout set the stage in the lakeside condo of a bachelor who loves to play host

WORDS CHRISTY WRIGHT
PHOTOGRAPHY STACEY BRANDFORD

AN entertaining DESIGN



As a designer, Yanic Simard is used to challenges, a good thing as this one-bedroom condo in downtown Toronto presented several. The space had to be reworked from generic to sophisticated, accommodating the owner's love of entertaining, meaning seating for up to 16 people. "I applied creative designs to give the illusion of a much larger condo," says Yanic, a principal at Toronto Interior Design Group.

A corner unit, the condo had a traditional layout: kitchen, then dining area, then living area (the latter positioned to capitalize on the city and lake views). "Details and the right floor-plan decisions are paramount in designing a small space," says Yanic, so his first step was to switch up the layout. "I reversed the dining and living areas to add

DINING AREA Clear chairs and a streamlined table keep the view unobstructed and the tone light and airy. The aluminum floating shelves display framed album covers and artwork.

TABLE casalife.com. **CHAIRS** Tobias ikea.ca. **DRAPERY** drapica.com. **LAMP** cb2.com. **FLOATING SHELVES, ARMCHAIR** Delano gusmodern.com. **FLOORING** aspenwoodfloors.com. **RUG** westelm.com.



BEDROOM Turn a digital print into bold artwork, as done here with the homeowner's shot of the statue of Victoria atop the Victory Column in Berlin. A custom black Ultrasuede headboard punctuates the rich grey walls. The closet door and trim are painted the same colour for a seamless look.

WALL PAINT Chelsea Gray HC-168 benjaminmoore.ca. **DOOR HANDLE** richelieu.com. **CHAIR** kinetichome.com. **TABLE** casalife.com. **LAMP BASE** Ekarp and **SHADE** Ekås ikea.ca. **BEDDING** homesense.ca.

"Use bedding to express the mood of the room and your personality" YANIC SIMARD, DESIGNER

LIVING ROOM The modern design of the glossy white media cabinet complements the space and doesn't scream "There's a TV in the living room." Yanic customized the laser-cut mirror art.

CABINET Bestå Burs ikea.ca. **VASE** casalife.com. **WALL PAINT** Classic Grey OC-23 benjaminmoore.ca.

MINI HOME OFFICE A glass-top sawhorse table and contemporary chair transform this nook into a chic workspace. The oil painting does double duty as artwork and screen to mask an electrical panel.

DESK westelm.com. **CHAIR** kinetichome.com. **CLOCK, SHELVES** umbra.com.





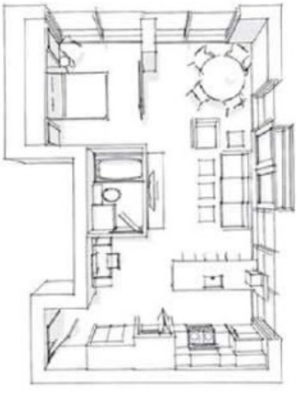
more functionality and visual appeal. Positioning the living room next to the kitchen gave the owner easy access to the kitchen for casual get-togethers. The dining room capitalizes on the fantastic view, which sparks dinner conversation during more formal sit-down affairs."

Yanic tore up the original dark wall-to-wall carpeting to lay slick engineered ebony maple hardwood, and replaced the dusty pink colour scheme with a more masculine, monochromatic palette. "The classic grey walls lend a feeling of openness. I wanted the owner and his guests to forget about wall boundaries."

Rather than replace the honey-colour cabinetry, Yanic sprayed them a mink brown, which freed up funds for stainless steel appliances, Calacatta Oro marble countertops, a contemporary chrome faucet and open overhanging shelves that are a handy spot for everyday dishes. The kitchen's peninsula is a compact breakfast bar that offers additional seating during parties.

The term "finishing touches" doesn't do justice to the collaborative choice of accessories: a mix of sparkling decorative items, multipurpose pieces and artwork. One of Yanic's favourite picks is the pendant in the living area. "It's like a disco ball, which is appropriate, since this client likes to entertain and party," he says. Now he has the perfect space to do just that. @

ILLUSTRATION SCOTT ROGERS



511 SQ. FT.

INSIDER INFORMATION

Designer Yanic Simard talks savvy style for a compact condo.

STYLE AT HOME Where did you draw your inspiration for this space?

YANIC SIMARD A combination of the entertaining vibe coming from the client and the urban space and surroundings.

S@H What's your favourite piece?

YANIC The porcelain stools.

S@H Describe what you did to make the client's space his own.

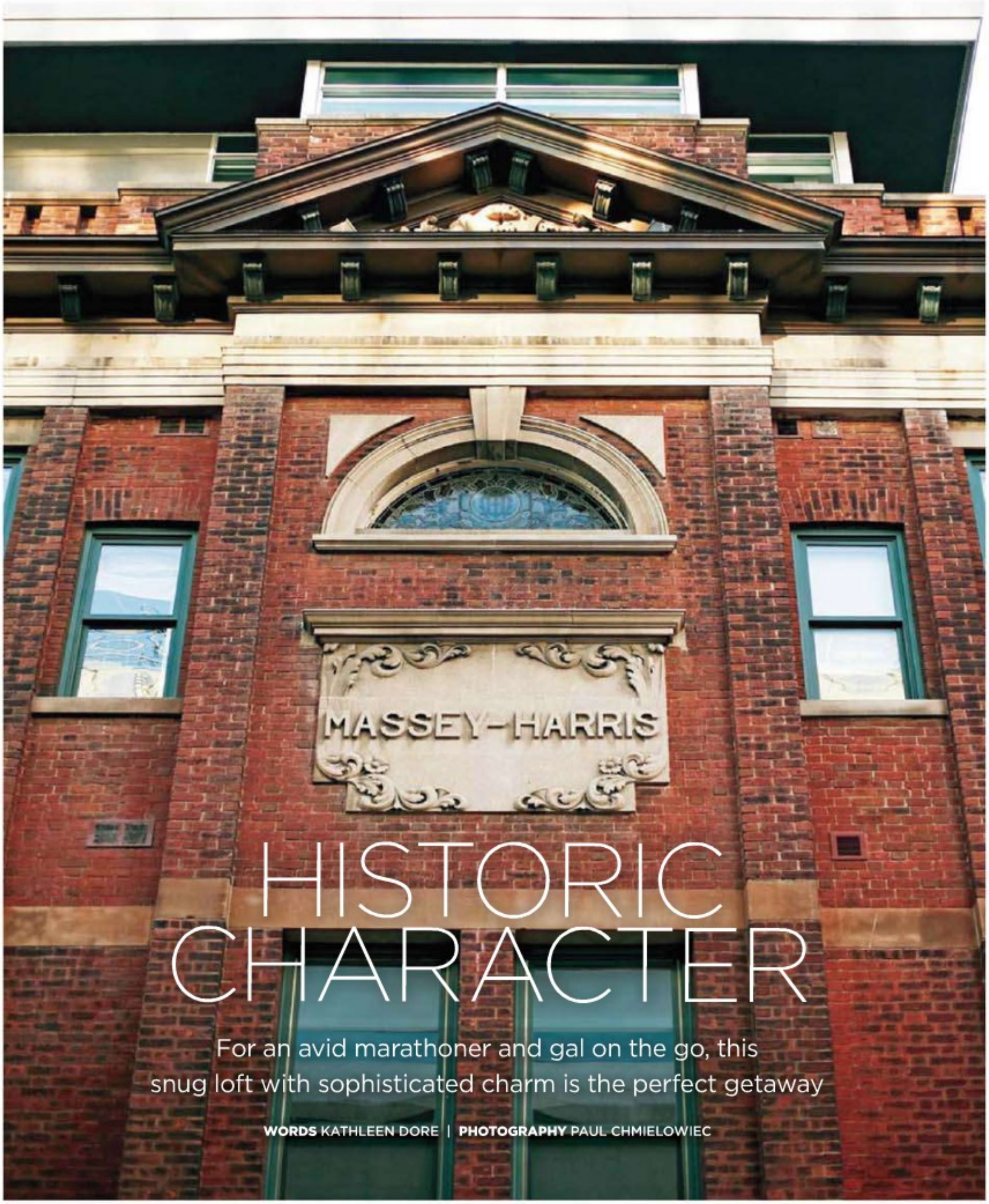
YANIC I integrated photography he had taken [above the bed] and, because he's a music lover, displayed his album collection on the aluminum shelves in the dining area.

S@H How did you mix price points?

YANIC We spent money on big items, like the hardwood flooring, appliances, kitchen faucet, sofa and Saarinen-style table, and saved on low-impact pieces, like the area rug, desk and IKEA dining chairs.

S@H Why did you choose this decor style?

YANIC It's a hip and eclectic style, which suits the client's tastes and ties all the different elements together.



HISTORIC CHARACTER

For an avid marathoner and gal on the go, this snug loft with sophisticated charm is the perfect getaway

WORDS KATHLEEN DORE | **PHOTOGRAPHY** PAUL CHMIELOWIEC



LIVING ROOM "The jumping-off point for the scheme was homeowner Tania Sarracini's rug, which she'd already purchased. It tied nicely into the brick wall," says designer Jessica Kelly, who added cranberry accents to the neutral palette. The single-arm chaise saves space; a custom unit hides all the electronics. "It's great to come home to a neat space," says Tania.

DESIGN, MEDIA UNIT Jessica Kelly jessicakellydesign.com. **CHAISE** Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams. **RUG** elte.com. **NESTING TABLES, LAMP** dwr.com. **CUSHION FABRIC** designerfabrics.ca. **SEWING** (cushions) Quality Upholstery 416-536-5592. →

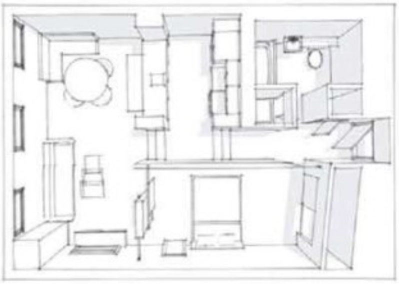


DINING AREA How to distract from the design challenges of the 20' x 10' main room? Here are three clever solutions. Trick No. 1: A floor-to-ceiling mirrored wall bounces light into the space, so awkward dimensions and low light levels are less noticeable. Trick No. 2: Instead of plunking a table and chairs in the dining area, which would eat up floor space, Jessica designed a banquette, creating a look-at-me feature. Trick No. 3: Two large canvases lead the eye down from high windows.

TABLE, CHAIRS dwr.com. **ARTWORK** Joanna Ferraro joannaferraro.com. **BANQUETTE DESIGN** jessicakellydesign.com. **BANQUETTE CUSHION FABRIC** Kelsey XP designerfabrics.ca. **SEWING** (banquette cushions) Quality Upholstery 416-536-5592.



730 SQ. FT.



ACCENT IT! Cranberry plays a big part in the dining room decor – from these flowers to the upholstered cushions and chairs to the table dressings. "I love the colour and always wanted to decorate a place with red," says Tania.

CANDLESTICKS ikea.ca.



Owner Tania Sarracini wasn't even house hunting when she accompanied a realtor friend to see this loft in a historic building. "He wanted my opinion," she says. But one look at the exposed brick wall and 11' ceilings, and Tania was sold on the place. Despite its authentic character and fab location in Toronto's trendy King West district, the 730 sq. ft. loft had its quirks. The main space, which was dimly lit by three small windows, had bowling-alley-like dimensions (20' x 10'). "I didn't think I could decorate it myself," she says. A friend recommended Jessica Kelly Design. Again, Tania was sold, this time on Jessica's sophisticated urban style and experience with small spaces. Together they transformed the loft into a serene, pretty retreat that Tania, a recruiter in the construction industry, could escape to at the end of her busy day.

KITCHEN Drop-dead-gorgeous wallpaper gives the tiny 9' x 4' kitchen grand style. "With a small wall, you can do something impactful, so I chose a bold pattern that mimicked the palette," says Jessica. A great eye tricker: "The wood floors are on the diagonal, which creates the illusion of more space."

WALLPAPER Cotswold in red grahambrown.com. →

ILLUSTRATION SCOTT ROGERS



BEDROOM Tania's furniture is big for her small bedroom, but clean lines and a low profile keep the room uncluttered, as do neutral tailored bed linens. Hits of cranberry provide warmth and continuity.

BED LINENS, CUSHIONS (except blue) homesense.ca. **BLUE CUSHION** constantineinteriors.com.



SPLIT LEVEL Multiple levels were another quirk of the space. "You come into the loft, go up a few steps and you're on the kitchen level, then down to the main living area," says Jessica. "To ease the transitions, all the walls were painted one colour," which she describes as "a real cream but without yellow or pink undertones." It brightens up the dark space.

WALL PAINT Contemporary White 20YY 66/066 icipaints.ca. **POUFFE** constantineinteriors.com.

BATHROOM "I wanted one room to be a different colour," says Tania. No problem: Pavanne from Pratt & Lambert is one of Jessica's faves for a bathroom. "It's tried and true – a watery blue that's not too green," she says. The wooden box under the sink, from the previous owner, solves the storage challenges posed by the slim shelf.

WALL PAINT Pavanne 25-26 prattandlambert.com. **TOWEL** (on sink) pc.ca. @



6 SAVVY SPACE-DEFYING TIPS

Working on downtown condos and lofts has turned Toronto designer Jessica Kelly into a small-space magician. Steal her favourite tricks.

1 **Add a mirrored wall** to open up a dark space and add glamour and light.

2 **Maintain a low profile for all furniture.** "The eye will travel over the pieces without interruption," says Jessica.

3 **Choose custom pieces** to maximize space and storage. Too much furniture and too many accessories junk up small interiors.

4 **Make a statement with large artwork.** The canvases commissioned for this loft work with the colour scheme for an uncluttered look. "Some people say art doesn't need to match the wall colour, but I disagree," says Jessica. "I like the background of a painting to blend into a neutral wall colour for a pulled-together look."

5 **Use bold-pattern wallpaper** to accent a wall.

6 **Opt for tailored linens** in neutral tones to create a restful feel in the bedroom.





LIVING ROOM Even experts who see nearly every sofa imaginable will cool their heels until they find the perfect model. "I waited until I knew exactly what I wanted and had the money to have it custom-made," says homeowner and *Style at Home* design editor Ann Marie Favot. "Never buy something just to fill a space."

SOFA, ARMCHAIRS whittingtonfurniture.com. FABRIC Linen Basket (chairs), Linen Weave (sofa), through designers, robertallendesign.com; Calvin Klein Endure (cushions), through designers, kravetcanada.com. DRAPERY invudraperyco.com.

the WHITE HOUSE

Style at Home design editor Ann Marie Favot reveals her recipe for dreamy, romantic design in her first family home: gradations of white, running the spectrum from warm to cool

WORDS HELEN RACANELLI | **PHOTOGRAPHY** STACEY VAN BERKEL-HAINES

Three years ago, *Style at Home* design editor Ann Marie Favot and husband Jonathan Raymond bought this semi-detached Toronto Victorian, their first home together. In her previous window-filled apartment, Ann Marie had painted much of the furniture white, a simple, inexpensive trick that updates and marries unmatched pieces. "Jonathan used to say it made him feel like he was relaxing in the clouds," Ann Marie says, so getting her hubby on board for the all-white look in their new home was easy, even though "he likes wood," she says.

As befits a modest starter home, the couple worked with existing features instead of going for a full reno. Original oak strip hardwood in the open living/dining room was refinished with a medium walnut stain. There was no fireplace in the living room, and not enough clearance to install one, so the couple added floating shelves for a modern mantel effect. The kitchen also got a facelift instead of an overhaul. "I couldn't justify getting rid of the cabinets," says Ann Marie. Nor did she upgrade to stainless steel appliances, keeping those belonging to the previous owner. "They ended up looking seamless in the space."

Though the decor is white, it leans neither to starkly crisp nor to shabby chic, instead feeling like an entirely new take on the all-white house. "It works because there are numerous whites," says Ann Marie, "whereas if there were just one or two it wouldn't." →

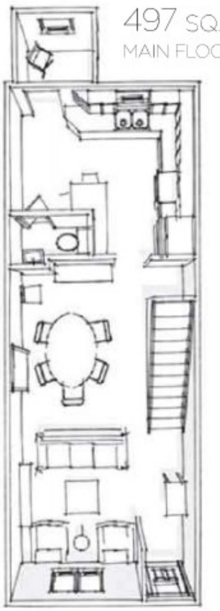


MODERN MANTEL Where a fireplace would traditionally be, Ann Marie created an art display anchored by two shelves painted the same colour as the walls.

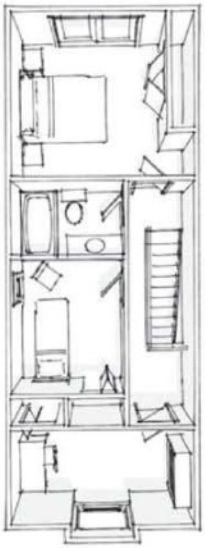
WALL & SHELF PAINT Slipper Satin 2004 farrow-ball.com. **SHELVES** Lack ikea.ca. **OTTOMAN** homesense.ca. **ARTWORK** *Aerial View – Winter White* (hanging) by Darlene Hassall gallery.me.com/darlenehassall; *Birch Series IV* (on shelf, left) by Rita Vindedzis artinteriors.ca; *Dust Cover* (on shelf, far right) by Cybèle Young cybeleyoung.ca.

“My love for white started with my mom, who would unify different pieces with white paint”

ANN MARIE FAVOT, OWNER + S@H DESIGN EDITOR



497 SQ. FT.
MAIN FLOOR



477 SQ. FT.
SECOND FLOOR

ILLUSTRATIONS SCOTT ROGERS



MUD ROOM Barbara Barry damask-print wallpaper adds softness to the little vestibule at the back of the house. Ann Marie had originally sourced a luxe limestone tile for the flooring. “It was too expensive, so I matched the limestone with a porcelain tile – it looks exactly the same and is so much cheaper,” she says.

WALLPAPER Barbara Barry, **CHAIR FABRIC** Calvin Klein Endure, through designers, kravetcanada.com. **TILE** stone-tile.com. **WALL PAINT** Beauti-Tone Canadian Home & Country Colour Collection Hotel Ware FD046 homehardware.ca. →

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

Ann Marie balances big-ticket investments with budget-savvy saves throughout her home. Her strategy in the kitchen: work with as many existing elements as possible.

WHAT SHE WORKED WITH...
• White appliances • Existing layout • Cabinetry • Peninsula

WHAT SHE ADDED...
• Silestone Blanco Maple quartz counters • Broan range hood • Carrara marble tile backsplash • Blanco sink and faucet • Torlys floating hardwood floor



UNITE WITH WHITE "Adding a high-end white range hood instantly made the existing appliances mesh," says Ann Marie. Bar stools turn the Silestone-top peninsula into a handy place to snack and watch TV.

PAINT Beauti-Tone Canadian Home & Country Colour Collection Hotel Ware FD046 (walls), Ironstone White ND027 (trim) homehardware.ca. **RANGE HOOD** Broan homedepot.ca. **FLOOR** Summit torlys.com. **STOOLS** Soho nuevoliving.com.





KITCHEN A backsplash of Carrara marble tile is a less expensive take on a slab – and priced right for a starter home. The backsplash tile, Silestone countertops, sink and faucet were installed by The Home Depot.

COUNTERS Silestone Blanco Maple, **SINK, FAUCET, TILE, INSTALLATION** homedepot.ca. **PENDANT** eurolite.com. →



DINING ROOM A midcentury modern Bubble lamp serves double duty as a hanging sculpture. "We really invested in lighting," Ann Marie says. "We changed one fixture at a time, and it took three years to update them all."

LIGHT Bubble quasimodomodern.com. **DINING TABLE** Camilla House Imports 800-661-0257. **SIMILAR CHAIRS** westelm.com. **MIRROR** homesense.ca. **BLOSSOMS** winwardsilks.com. **ARTWORK** *I Know How To Solve That* (left) by Cybèle Young cybeleyoung.ca; *Passing Light* (right, hanging) by Peter Favot peterfavotarchitects.com/art.html.



STAIRWELL Loki, a Siberian husky, hangs out on the stairs, which Jonathan brightened with a coat of creamy white paint. Painting in two stages – every other step in each stage – kept the second floor accessible while paint dried.

STAIR PAINT Beauti-Tone Snow Drop 5J21 homehardware.ca. →



BEDROOM Tiered trim on the cream shams and duvet cover, underpinned by white sheets and a bedskirt, give the bed a billowy, romantic vibe.

WALLPAPER through designers, kravetcanada.com. **WALL PAINT** Beauti-Tone Canadian Home & Country Colour Collection Hotel Ware FD046 homehardware.ca. **HEADBOARD** whittingtonfurniture.com. **FABRIC** Paolo (drapery), Linen Basket (headboard), through designers, robertallendesign.com. **BED LINENS** aulitfinelinens.com. **RUG** Darcy carpetone.ca. **ARTWORK** *Verticals* by Allan Manus 514-939-2198.

"I'd never buy a matching bedroom suite. I'd much rather select different pieces and make them my own"

ANN MARIE FAVOT, OWNER + S@H DESIGN EDITOR

GETTING WHITE RIGHT

Style at Home design editor Ann Marie Favot picks her five fave white paints.



"The perfect soft, creamy white for stair-case railings." Pointing 2003 farrow-ball.com.



"Ideal for trim and cabinetry in kitchens and bathrooms." Beauti-Tone Canadian Home & Country Colour Collection Ironstone White ND027 homehardware.ca.



"Gets along well with other whites. Super for furniture and ceilings." Polo Mallet White WW05 ralphlaurenhome.com.



"Pretty grey blue undertones make this a lovely colour for walls." Beauti-Tone Canadian Home & Country Colour Collection Hotel Ware FD046 homehardware.ca.



"Great for floors, this taupey hue helps hide dirt." Skimming Stone 241 farrow-ball.com.



DRESSED UP Inexpensive chests of different heights make a comely dresser when topped with a shapely vintage mirror. "It's important to put your own stamp on mass-market furniture," Ann Marie says.

CHESTS Malm ikea.ca. **MIRROR PAINT** Badlands Solid Colour Stain Beauti-Tone Canadian Home & Country Colour Collection homehardware.ca. **ARTWORK** *Wait Ten Years* by Cybèle Young cybeleyoung.ca. @



the joys of DOWNSIZING

When the kids left the nest, these world travellers created a new dream home for two

WORDS MARTHA UNIACKE BREEN | **PHOTOGRAPHY** TED YARWOOD

OPEN HOUSE The layout reminded interior designer and owner Stacey Litwin-Davies of enfilade-style homes in France, where one room opens directly into the next, for beautiful views and an efficient use of space. Rooms that are visible to one another demand colour choices that harmonize, even when they're contrasting, as seen here.

DESIGN Stacey Litwin-Davies litwindavies.com. **DOOR PAINT** custom, based on Tanner's Brown 255 farrow-ball.com.

DINING ROOM With such a strong wall colour, the room was furnished simply, in neutral tones. Modern photography was combined with traditional sconces and a chandelier from a Paris flea market.

TABLE, CHAIRS litwindavies.com. **WALL PAINT** mix of Raspberry Truffle 2080-10 benjaminmoore.ca and Incarnadine 248 farrow-ball.com. **FABRIC** Holland & Sherry Andes in Putty (drapery), through designers, telio.com; Lee Jofa Verandah Sheer in Flax (sheers), through designers, leejofa.com.

With their daughter off to study in Europe and their son at boarding school, interior designer Stacey Litwin-Davies and her husband, Phil Davies, found themselves rattling around in their big old house. Like many empty nesters, they were ready to downsize, but their dream house had to meet a few criteria: home offices for both parents, spaces for the kids, a much smaller yard to care for and, above all, proportions that would accommodate artwork and furnishings gathered over years of living and travelling abroad. Their new three-bedroom home is a whopping 2,000 sq. ft. smaller than their previous five-bedroom place, but it doesn't feel that way: thanks to a bit of judicious reconfiguring, the new space works better – for the whole family.

dramatic dining

This room is smaller than the dining room in their former house and receives little natural light. Stacey had the walls painted a rich bluish red that recaptures the spirit of the previous space. To bring out the room's vertical proportions, tall casement doors (opposite) were painted a deep aubergine that draws the eyes upward and that reads almost as black. The dining table was cut down to fit the more intimate scale. →



old dining room 204 SQ. FT.; SEATING FOR 14



new dining room 185 SQ. FT.; SEATING FOR 10



new multifunctional living room
277 SQ. FT.

LIVING ROOM Seating from the former living room fits in the new space, but one new addition makes a world of difference. A round ottoman in an energetic zigzag fabric sets a more casual mood than the previous home's glass coffee table.

SOFA, OTTOMAN litwindavies.com. **PAINT** Ballet White OC-9 (walls) benjaminmoore.ca; Lambswool 11-30 (trim) prattandlambert.com. **FABRIC** J. Robert Scott Shinto (wood-frame chairs), Holland & Sherry Patagonia (ottoman top), through designers, telio.com; Pierre Frey Kanto (ottoman side), through designers, primavera.ca.





old formal living room 276 SQ. FT.

multifunctional living

Separate living and family rooms in the old house led to an all-too-common problem: a family room that saw near-constant duty, and a living room that was rarely used. The new living room is about the same size as the previous one, but its functionality has increased considerably. Stacey and her family use it for entertaining, watching TV and relaxing by the fire with a great book.

BOOKCASES An enviable library of classics and architecture books in floor-to-ceiling built-ins adds warmth and colour to the living space.

PAINT India Yellow 66 (inside bookcase) farrow-ball.com. **FIREPLACE MARBLE** crystaltilemarble.com. **ARTWORK** *Mother Tree* by Fred Franzen artinteriors.ca. →

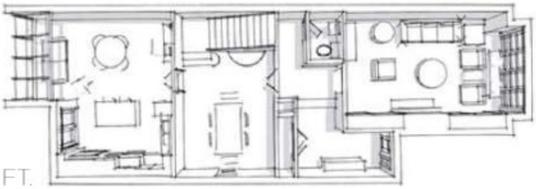




BREAKFAST AREA A compact sofa nestled in the solarium window is a favourite spot for Milly, the family spaniel. The wall hanging, a Victorian wedding crinoline hand-painted by Janis Gillan, is an eye-catching conversation piece.

TABLE Knoll Saarinen drechsel.com. **CHAIRS** Eames DCM hermanmiller.com. **FABRIC** GP & J Baker Adina in Oatmeal (sofa), Lee Jofa Remo Stripe in Bittersweet (cushions), through designers, leejofa.com. **CARPET** elte.com. **ARTWORK** janisgillan.com.

new kitchen 258 SQ. FT.


1,161 SQ. FT.

"The new kitchen is more efficient and has more storage, even though it's smaller"

STACEY LITWIN-DAVIES, OWNER + DESIGNER

a working kitchen

With lots of natural light and 9' high ceilings, this room had some pluses, but the design was a problem, says Stacey. A space-hogging corner fireplace was removed, making way for much more living space. She moved appliances away from the entrance, and added taller cupboards to maximize vertical space.

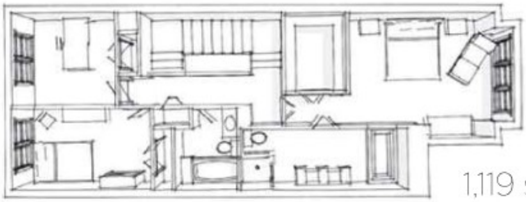
KITCHEN The new kitchen includes ample storage, a desk area, lounge area, table and chairs, and an island for casual meals and entertaining – an all-in-one modest-size space. A stainless steel backsplash, white cabinetry and a centre island with a highgloss Chinese red base give the room a clean, modern feel.

PAINT Cloud White OC-130 (uppers), Revere Pewter HC-172 (base units), Sultan's Palace 2081-20 (island front) benjaminmoore.ca. **LIGHTING** greatlighting.com. **STOOLS** Lem kioskdesign.ca. **CERAMICS** (on shelves) Classic Century crateandbarrel.com. →




old kitchen 325 SQ. FT.

ILLUSTRATIONS SCOTT ROGERS



1,119 SQ. FT.



"Moving to a smaller house doesn't have to mean giving up your favourite things"

STACEY LITWIN-DAVIES, OWNER + DESIGNER

restful retreat

The couple loved the calming design of their old master bedroom and wanted to recreate it in the new house. They had the walls painted the same sky blue, but Stacey updated the silk-upholstered headboard with a more casual frame. Neutral surfaces work beautifully with the pale blues of the bedroom. The striped grain of the marble shower tile lends a low-key shot of pattern.

BATHROOM Stacey and Phil wanted a double vanity and lots of storage, so there are two large medicine cabinets behind the mirrors, multiple drawers and a built-in laundry hamper. Luxurious yet practical touches include a heated floor and towel warmer.

WALL PAINT Strong White 2001 farrow-ball.com. **SHOWER TILE** stone-tile.com. **BASIN, FAUCETS** gingersbath.com. **LIGHT FIXTURES** Luminart 416-780-9775.



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1996 CHAIR Knotted $3,500 droog.com.

2005 LIGHT Zeppelin 1 $5,819 quasimodomodern.com.

2006 STOOL Kartell Stone polycarbonate in Tourmaline $306 horsefeathershome.com.

2009 WALLPAPER Graham & Brown Marcel Wanders Audrey in Charcoal $80 per roll crownwallpaper.com.









decorator's notebook FROM P 83

hotel chic

Love the clean and crisp bedding from your last hotel stay? Bring the look home.



FRENCH TWIST Germain Comfort by Marie Saint Pierre, Hôtel Le Germain Montréal, 280-thread-count European cotton $620 collectionsg.com.



BORDER LINES JW Collection and Signature Sheets, Marriott Hotels and Resorts, 300-thread-count polycotton $385 US shopmarriott.com.



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chocolate artistry

Sample a decadent dessert from Dominique and Cindy Duby's *Chocolate: More Than 50 Decadent Recipes* ($20, Whitecap, 2009).

FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH CHANTILLY

8 large eggs, at room temperature
2 tbsp (30 g) granulated sugar (for egg yolks)
¼ cup + 1 tbsp (65 g) granulated sugar (for egg whites)
8.8 oz (250 g) 70% dark chocolate, melted
½ cup (125 g) unsalted butter, melted

GARNISH

1 recipe Chocolate Chantilly (recipe follows)
Chocolate Curls made with white chocolate (recipe follows)
6-8 fresh strawberries, hulled and cubed
6-8 sprigs mint (optional)

Preheat the oven to 325°F (160°C). Line a 12" x 16" (30 cm x 40 cm) baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone mat.

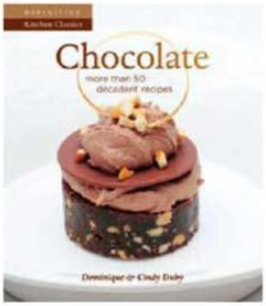
Separate egg yolks and whites into 2 bowls. Using an electric mixer, whip yolks with first amount of sugar until light and fluffy, and set aside. Using an electric mixer, beat egg whites on low speed until they hold soft peaks. Turn mixer to highest speed and add second amount of sugar, continuing to beat until firm and glossy peaks form. Whisk melted chocolate and butter into egg yolk mixture. Add one-third of egg white mixture and whisk. Fold in remaining egg white mixture with a rubber spatula.

Spread mixture on prepared baking sheet and bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack. Refrigerate for about 2 hours to chill before cutting into desired shapes.

Pipe or spoon some Chocolate Chantilly on top of cake and garnish with Chocolate Curls, strawberries and mint (if using). **SERVES 6-8**



PHOTOGRAPHY DOMINIQUE AND CINDY DUBY



CHOCOLATE CHANTILLY

1.8 oz (50 g) 70% dark chocolate, finely chopped
1 cup (250 mL) whipping cream

Place chocolate in a tall, narrow container. Bring whipping cream to a boil in a saucepan. Remove from heat and pour on top of chocolate. Blend with an immersion blender* until well combined. Let cool in the refrigerator (overnight is best). Once cool, transfer to a bowl and use an electric mixer fitted with a whip attachment to whip mixture until it forms medium peaks.

CHOCOLATE CURLS

4.4 oz (125 g) tempered chocolate (dark, milk or white)

Using an offset spatula, spread the tempered chocolate as evenly as possible over a clean sheet of plastic acetate. Using a plastic decorating comb (cut ends flat if teeth are pointy), drag the comb over the chocolate so that you end up with strips. Roll or twist plastic acetate into a corkscrew shape and secure both ends with a weight or piece of tape. Let set for at least 1 hour or until fully crystallized before removing the sheets of plastic acetate from the chocolate. **MAKES ABOUT 24** →

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bachelor pad **FROM P 96**
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ASIAN FLAIR Shanghai porcelain in Chrome $165 Torre & Tagus 800-423-4417.



COOL WEAVE Enigma Home Collection Meyer polished aluminum $250 nexxt.com. →

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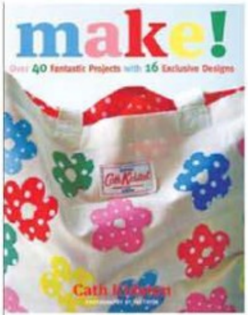
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PERFECT PALETTES by Stephanie Hoppen, $43, Potter. Colour, colour everywhere, but how do you pick? Inspired by art, landscapes, even food, Hoppen's colour schemes add personality and pull a room together. Tons of palettes and gorgeous pictures from this art gallery owner – perfection!

TIP BECAUSE OF THE WAY PAINT REFLECTS NATURAL LIGHT, THE TEXTURE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HOW A COLOUR IS PERCEIVED.



MAKE! by Cath Kidston, $32, St. Martin's Griffin. Add pizzazz to everyday objects with easy projects featuring the Brit designer's fabrics and templates. Thanks to her own witty takes on traditional English fabrics, linen dishtowels blossom with cheerful flowers, and pillowcases pop when sprinkled with polka-dots.

TIP MAKE A TEAPOT COSY BY CUTTING UP AN OLD BLANKET AND BLANKET-STITCHING AROUND ITS EDGES.



CHEAP CHIC by Ali Hanan, $25, Ryland Peters & Small. Chock full of spruce-ups that won't break the bank – vintage linens fashioned into charming pillows, china transformed into instant kitchen art, and a foldaway bed reinvented as an inviting sofa covered with striped canvas. Taking what you already have up a notch – now, that's chic.

TIP DRESS YOUR HOME WITH DIFFERENT TEXTURES AND FABRICS TO REFLECT THE TIME OF YEAR – FAKE FUR AND WOOL FOR WINTER, MUSLIN/VOILE AND COTTONS FOR SUMMER.



DECORATING WITH PAPERCRAFT by Clare Youngs, $21, Taunton. With a few sheets of pretty paper and a little know-how, you can create the most wonderful accessories – patio lanterns, photo cubes and more. Templates and detailed instructions included.

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they are the walrus

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CANDELABRA 19" $298, Walrus, 3408 Cambie St., 604-874-9770; walrushome.com.



POWER PLANTS

If there are music stylists and food stylists, why not plant stylists? **Kermodi Living Art Showroom** creates low-maintenance green installations for indoors and out. Current fave colours: sea shades, like grey greens and powdery blues.

ARRANGEMENT Moda (cactus and succulents) $120, Kermodi Living Art Showroom, 1889 Powell St., 604-630-3759; kermodi.com.



vancouver

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WALLPAPER

WHO In-store team at **Rollout Custom Wallpaper**

BEST FOR Collaborating with emerging artists on wallpaper designs ranging from spiderwebs to street art.

HIGHLIGHT Rainbow digital wallpaper used in a project featured on *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.*

THE 411 106 – 321 Railway St., 604-681-3780; rollout.ca.





smart art

Local art photographer Heather Johnston sells her photo-printed canvases of Vancouver streetscapes exclusively at **Parliament,** a new store named for a group of owls – not the House of Commons. Now, that's wise!

CANVASES 12" square by Heather Johnston $125 each, **OWLS** $19 each, Parliament, 115 Water St., 604-689-0800; parliamentinteriors.com. →

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CROSSOVER CHARM

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Newbury Interiors, 427 Richmond Rd., 613-725-0008; newburyinteriors.com.



exotic vibe

The colourful, unusual pieces at **Green Light District Design** call to mind markets in far-flung countries. Owners David and Deborah Peets source all their wares from a variety of small eco-conscious companies. "Cape Town, Buenos Aires and Chiang Mai are some of the world's new design capitals," says David.

BENCH South African polished walnut $1,375, Green Light District Design, 223 Dalhousie St., 613-614-2333; greenlightshop.ca.





ottawa

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hot seats

Katia (left) and Mihran Zaroukian put their heads – and their names – together to create Ottawa South's most intriguing new shop: **Mikaza Home.** The big seller is chairs – affordable repros of modern designs. The store's new showroom in Hull, Que., opens this month.

Mikaza Home, 1154 Bank St., 613-270-1087; mikazahome.com.



designing duo

Visiting up-and-coming Hintonburg? Stop by **Crawford Alexander Interiors & Design.** Full of urban-chic accessories, fabrics and furniture with a classic-meets-modern twist, the boutique has an edgy ethos that reflects the style of owners Luc Crawford and Jamie LeBlanc-Alexander.

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STONEWORK

WHO Jo Hodgson of **Dry Stone Waller**

BEST FOR Custom stone walls, steps and flagstones with the look of yesteryear.

HIGHLIGHT A 100' long limestone retaining wall with staircase for a client's garden.

THE 411 15 Chemin Hillcrest, Wakefield, Que. (just outside Ottawa), 819-459-8878; drystonewaller.ca.



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easy elegance

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2475 Notre Dame St. W., 514-989-8585; beigestyle.com.



montreal

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DOUBLE ACT

What happens when you pair an industrial engineer and an interior designer? You get **Jamais Assez,** a quirky store owned by husband-and-wife team Michel Swift (engineer) and Genevieve Cyr (designer). Features modern decor goods with a focus on Montreal designers, including sleek shelves from Michel's eponymous line.

CAT CHALET Loyal Luxe recycled cardboard $20, Jamais Assez, 5155 St-Laurent Blvd., 514-509-3709; jamaisassez.com.



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off the walls

At the lovely gallery/boutique **L'Affichiste,** Karen Etingin sells original, non-repro (read: the real deal) vintage posters mainly from the belle époque and art deco periods. An attractive option for art and history lovers who want to beautify their walls.

417 des Seigneurs Rd., Suite 2, 514-831-5121; laffichiste.com.



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STAINED GLASS

WHO Mike Gauthier of **Verrerie d'Art Classique**

BEST FOR Stained glass repair and restoration (private and public).

HIGHLIGHT A decorative panel in the entrance of Mike's home.

THE 411 4560 St-Laurent Blvd., 514-844-5424; 877-848-7245; classique.ca. →



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WHO Jim McLellan and his team, **McLellan Antiques & Restoration**

BEST FOR Restoring original 18th- and 19th-century finishes.

HIGHLIGHT A mid 1800s mahogany English dining set.

THE 411 2738 Agricola St., 902-455-4545; mclellanantiques.com.

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distinctly draper

the hot spot The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

the look The iconic designs of interior decorator Dorothy Draper are a striking reflection of pretty postwar style at this legendary resort. **WORDS** BRETT WALTHER



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DOROTHY DRAPER, INTERIOR DECORATOR

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- May 14-16, The High Style of Dorothy Draper, an event hosted by Carleton Varney highlighting Dorothy's influential designs.

300 West Main St., White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia; 800-453-4858; greenbrier.com. Standard rooms from $275 US.

PRETTY PUNCHY One of four bedrooms in The Greenbrier's magnificent President's Estate House.

Playground for presidents and pro golfers alike, The Greenbrier's sprawling 6,500-acre estate in the Allegheny Mountains has been a glamorous getaway destination for the past 232 years. But it's within the resort's grand Georgian framework – a designated National Historic Landmark – that American interior decorator Dorothy Draper left one of her most enduring legacies. In her mammoth makeover of the resort, completed in 1948, Dorothy pulled out all the stops in her famed repertoire, employing a dramatic decorating theme she referred to as "Romance and Rhododendrons." Featuring bold stripes paired with fussy florals, walls drenched with splashy, saturated shades and floors swathed in an estimated 30 miles of carpeting, The Greenbrier epitomizes the modern baroque look Dorothy is credited with founding. Carleton Varney, Dorothy's protégé and current in-house decorator at The Greenbrier, paid homage to his mentor's signature style in his loving 2007 facelift of the resort's interiors, and in so doing has fed the decor world's renewed interest in high-contrast, over-the-top elegance. @

bring it home

WALLPAPER Blue Mountain Wallcoverings Floral Trail BC1581499 $22 per roll designbycolor.net.





NIGHTSTAND Classics Louis Philippe in Antiqued Pearl $1,400 stanleyfurniture.com.



BEDDING Bergman Home Basketweave cotton cushion $36 and throws $90 each londeninc.com.



LAMP Genie Lily glazed ceramic and antiqued brass $265 elte.com.

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